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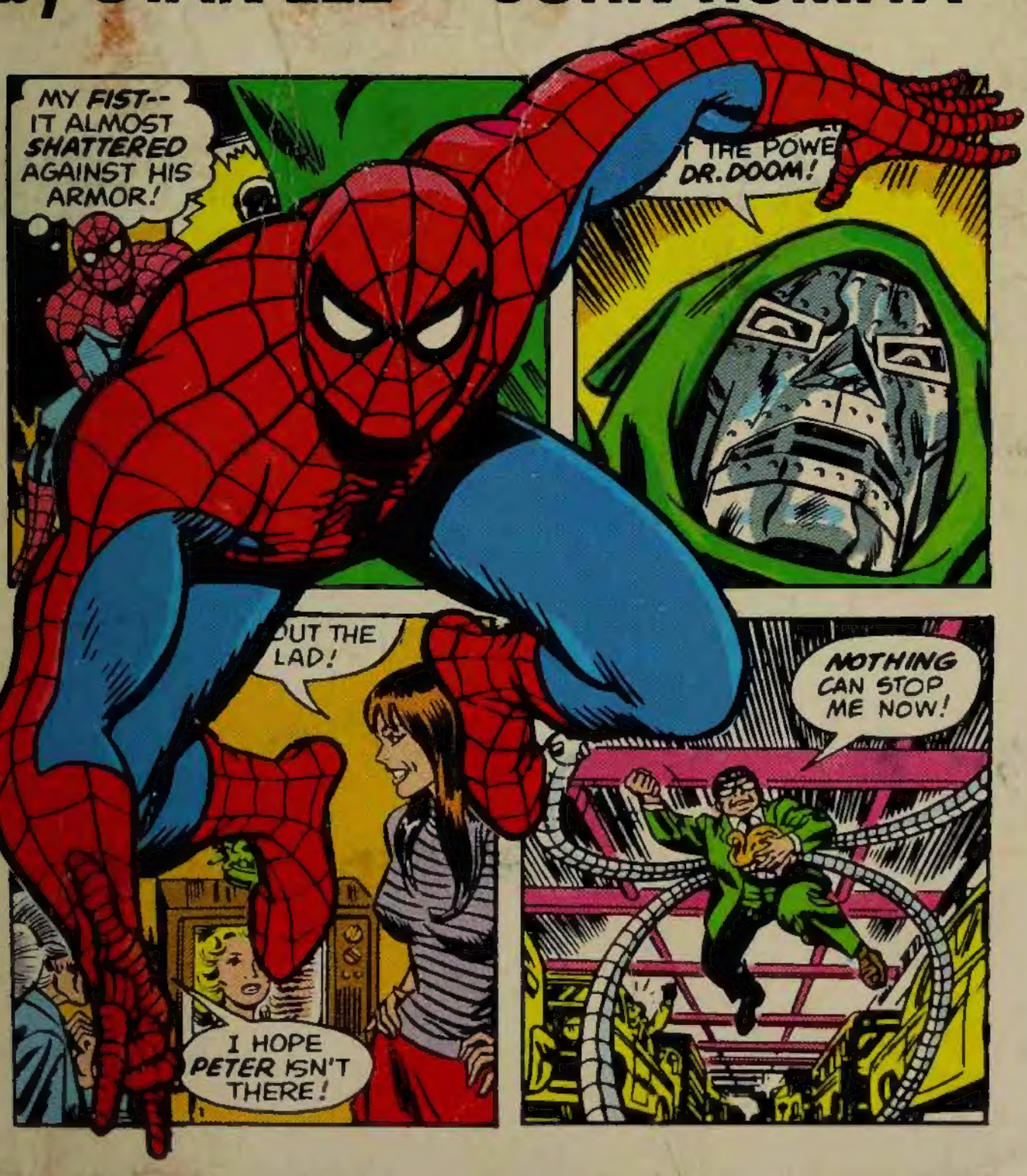

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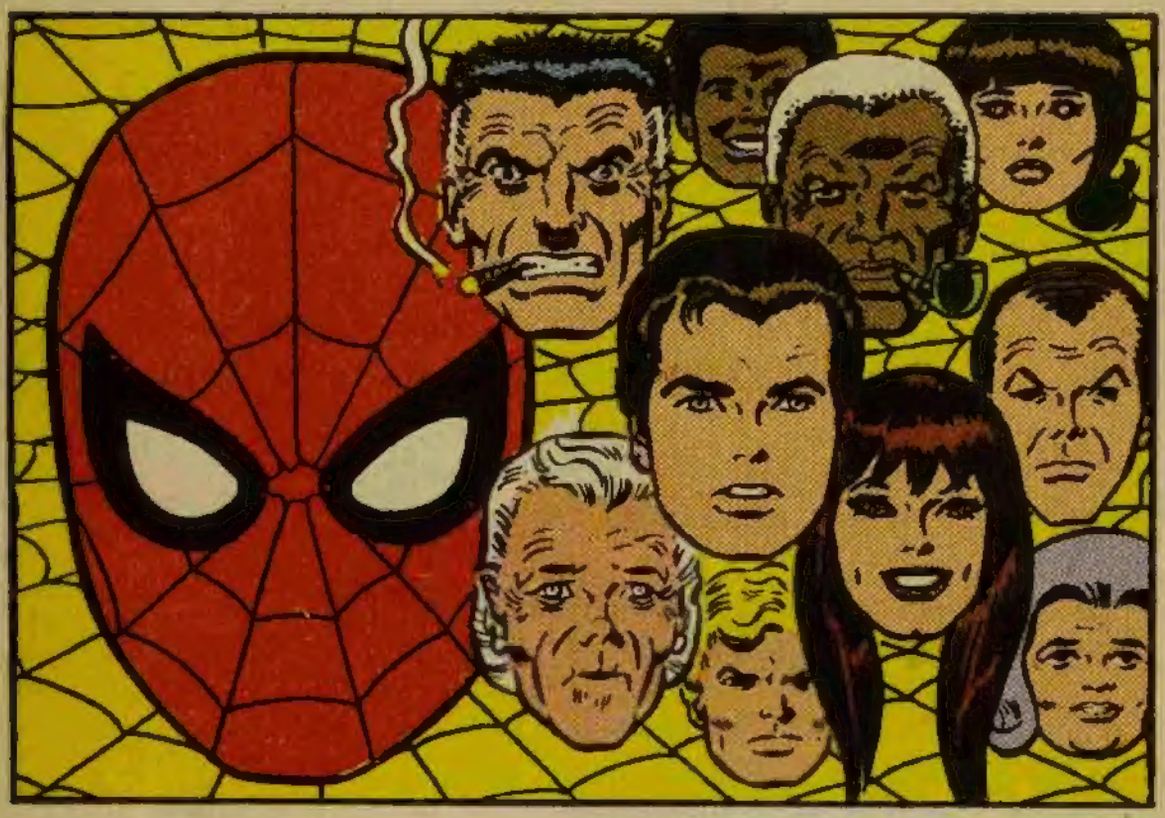

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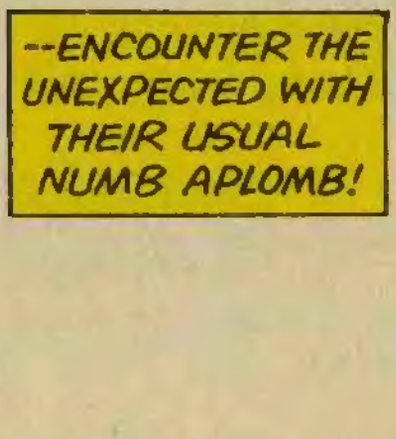
DEDICATION

To all the countless Peter Parkers out there--the honest, ordinary, hard-working guys who live in hope and never stop trying--because we and they know that someday, somehow, some ordinary unheralded losers, just like them, could be the ones to end up saving this whole, nutty, woebegone world!

Stan Lee
John Romita
New York, 1979

IT IS A DAY LIKE ANY DAY ON NEW YORK'S GLAMOROUS MADISON AVENUE-- DISMAL, DREARY, AND DAMP.
THWIP!

NOTE HOW THE UN-FLAPPABLE RESIDENTS OF FUN CITY--


--ENCOUNTER THE UNEXPECTED WITH THEIR USUAL NUMB APLOMB!

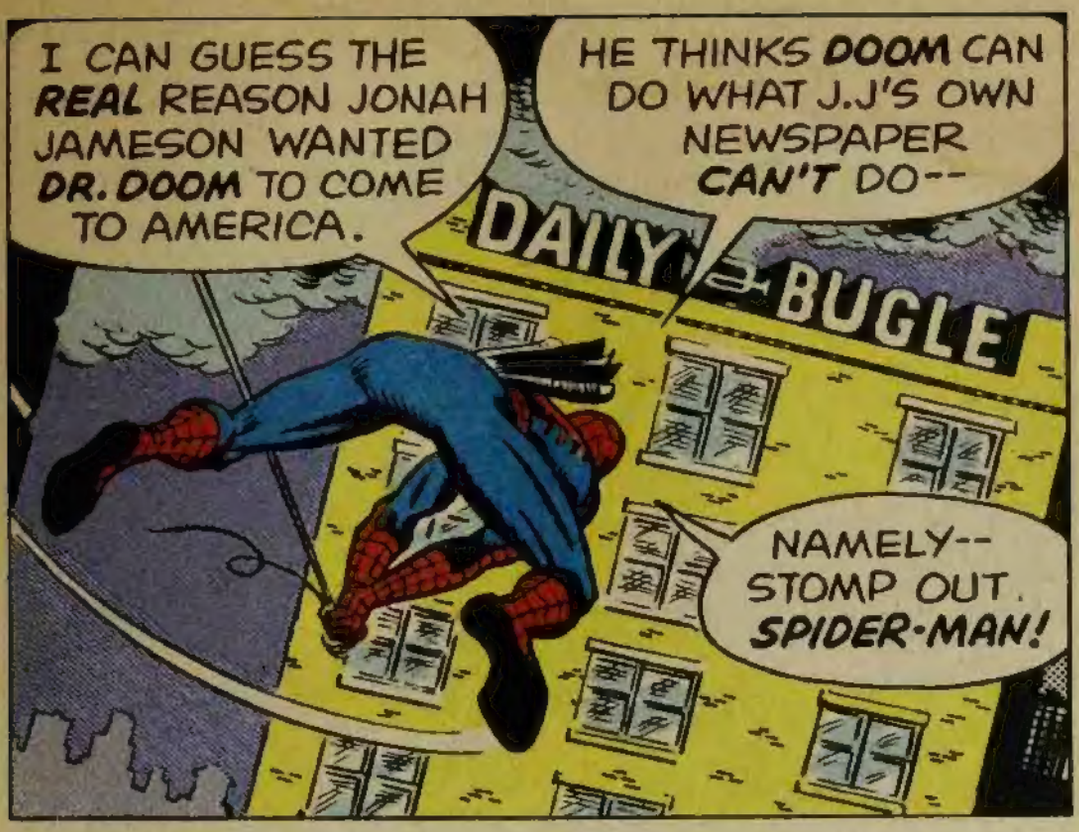
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
RELAX, CHARLIE. EVEN A FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN HAS TO KEEP UP WITH CURRENT EVENTS.
TODAY

WHAT'S EVERYONE STARING AT?
YOU'D THINK THEY NEVER SAW A FELLA READ A PAPER BEFORE! UH OH!

I KNEW IT! I WAS AFRAID THIS WOULD HAPPEN!
DAILY BUGLE
DR. DOOM EN ROUTE TO USA

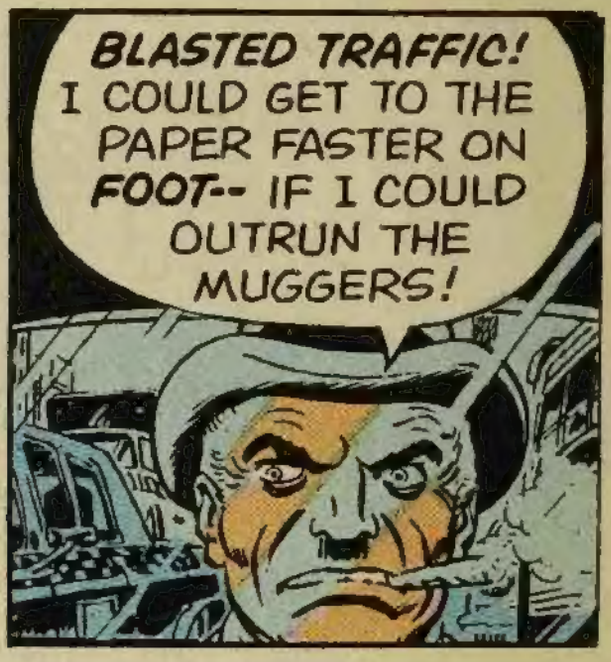
DR. DOOM IS COMING-- TO ADDRESS THE U.N.!
WE'VE GOTTA BE NUTS TO INVITE THE WORLD'S WORST TERRORIST-- EVEN IF HE IS KING OF LATVERIA!

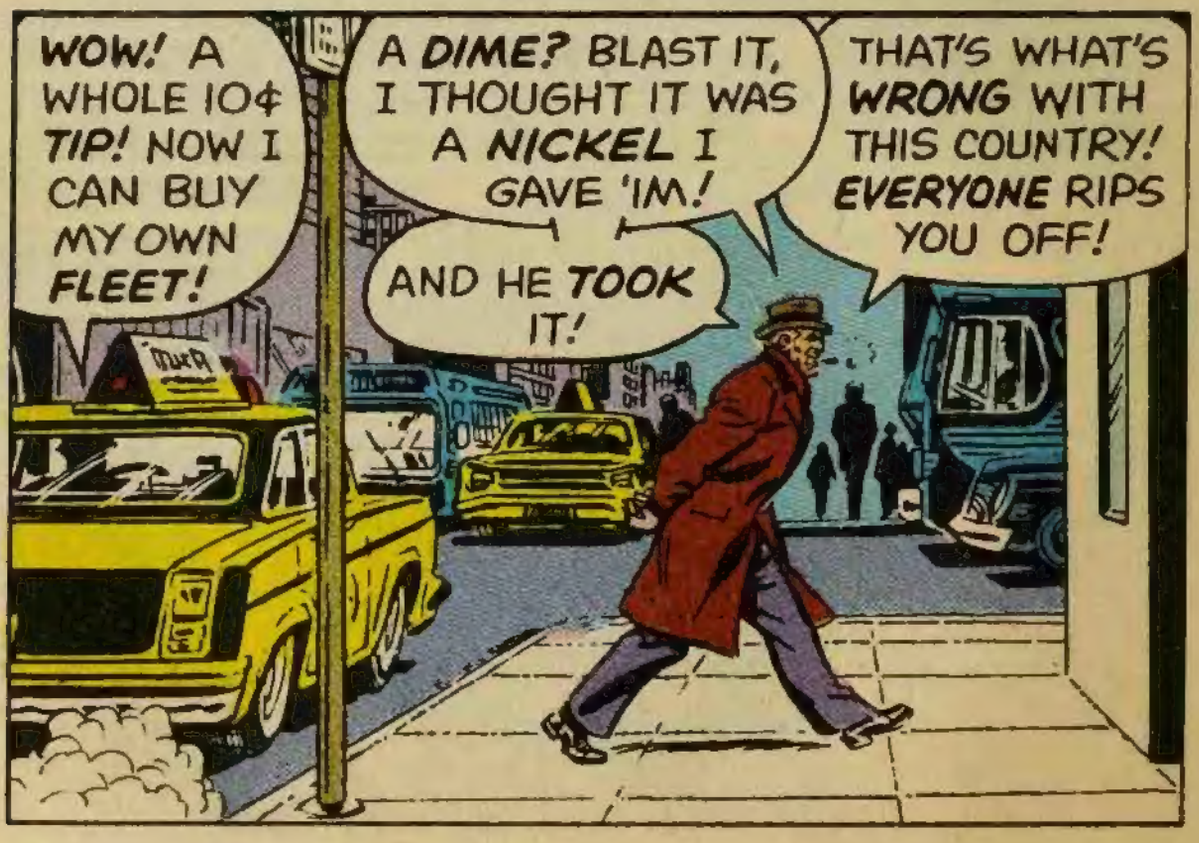
JONAH JAMESON USED THE POWER OF HIS DAILY BUGLE TO PERSUADE THE U.N. TO SEND FOR DR. DOOM!
;SHEESH!;
THWIP!
PTHOP!
INVITING THE WORLD'S WORST TERRORIST TO ADDRESS AN ANTI-TERRORISM CONFERENCE--
IS LIKE INVITING THE MAFIA TO PREACH TO BARETTA!
OKAY, J.J.-- HERE'S WHERE YOU AND OL' SPIDEY HAVE AN EYEBALL TO EYEBALL!

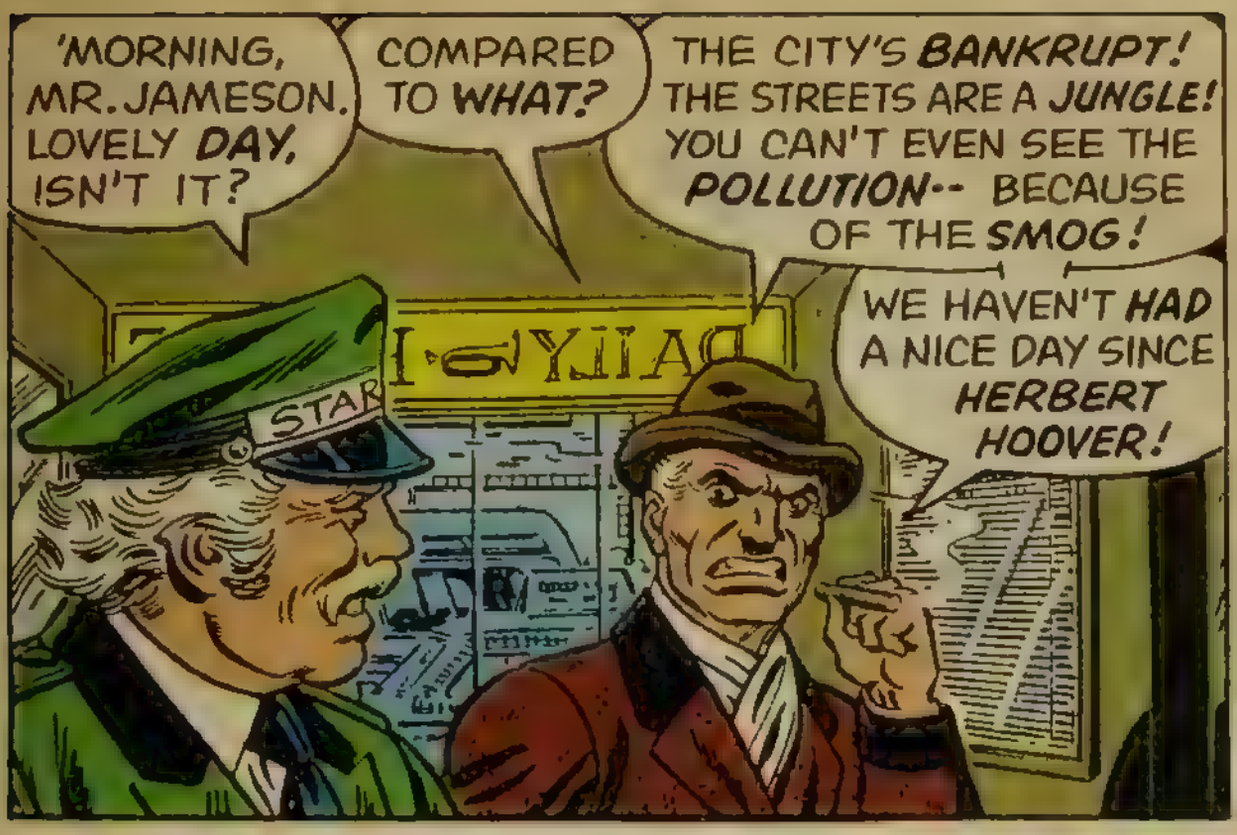

I CAN GUESS THE REAL REASON JONAH JAMESON WANTED DR. DOOM TO COME TO AMERICA.
HE THINKS DOOM CAN DO WHAT J.J'S OWN NEWSPAPER CAN'T DO--
DAILY BUGLE
NAMELY-- STOMP OUT. SPIDER-MAN!

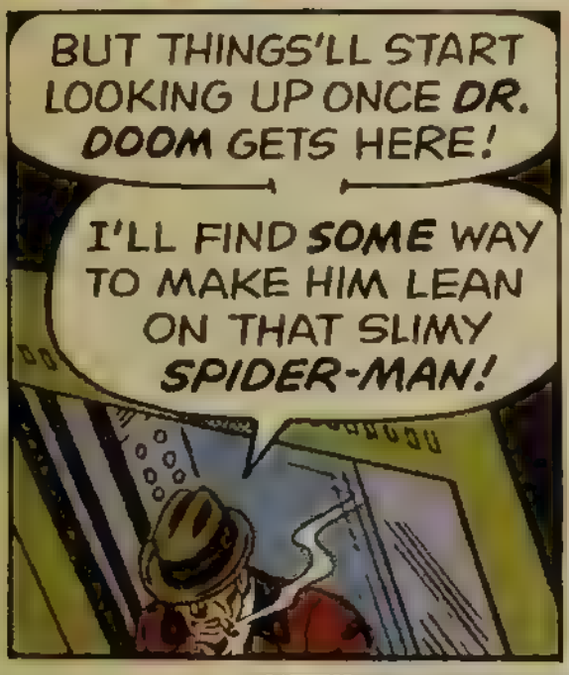
BUT IF HE THINKS I'M A PROBLEM, WAIT'LL HE TRIES TO DEAL WITH DOOM!
PTHOP!
HI, PRETTY GIRL!
HOW ABOUT TELLING YOUR BIRD-BRAINED BOSS THAT HIS FAVORITE WEB-SWINGIN' WONDER IS HERE?

WHAT'S WRONG, BETTY? THE OGRE IN ONE OF HIS USUAL MOODS?
HE'S NOT IN YET, MR. ROBERTSON! IT-IT'S WORSE THAN THAT! I J-JUST SAW--
SPIDER-MAN!

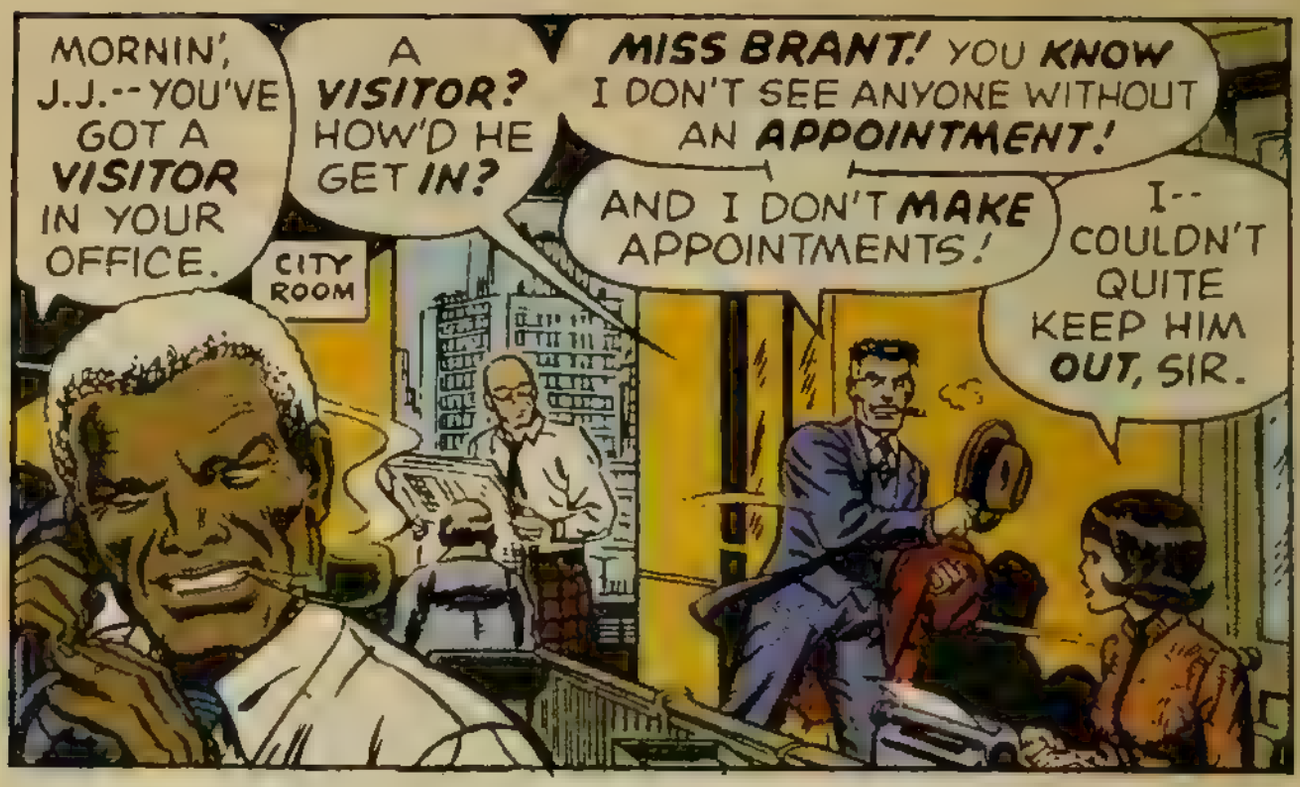

BLASTED TRAFFIC! I COULD GET TO THE PAPER FASTER ON FOOT-- IF I COULD OUTRUN THE MUGGERS!

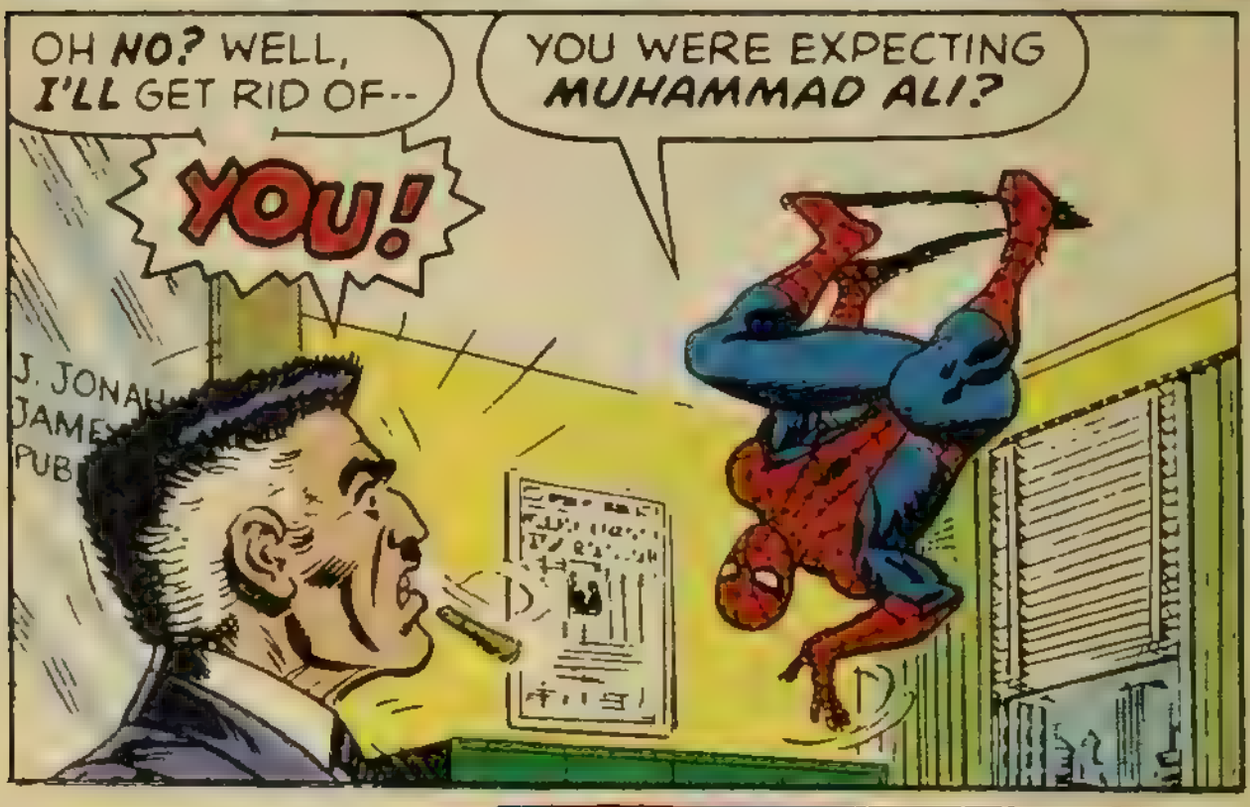

WOW! A WHOLE 10¢ TIP! NOW I CAN BUY MY OWN FLEET!
A DIME? BLAST IT, I THOUGHT IT WAS A NICKEL I GAVE 'IM!
AND HE TOOK IT!
THAT'S WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS COUNTRY! EVERYONE RIPS YOU OFF!


'MORNING, MR. JAMESON. LOVELY DAY, ISN'T IT?
COMPARED TO WHAT?
THE CITY'S BANKRUPT! THE STREETS ARE A JUNGLE! YOU CAN'T EVEN SEE THE POLLUTION-- BECAUSE OF THE SMOG!
WE HAVEN'T HAD A NICE DAY SINCE HERBERT HOOVER!
STAR


BUT THINGS'LL START LOOKING UP ONCE DR. DOOM GETS HERE!
I'LL FIND SOME WAY TO MAKE HIM LEAN ON THAT SLIMY SPIDER-MAN!

MY SPIDER SENSE-- STARTING TO TINGLE! IT MEANS AN ENEMY'S NEAR!
IT'S JAMESON, AT LAST!

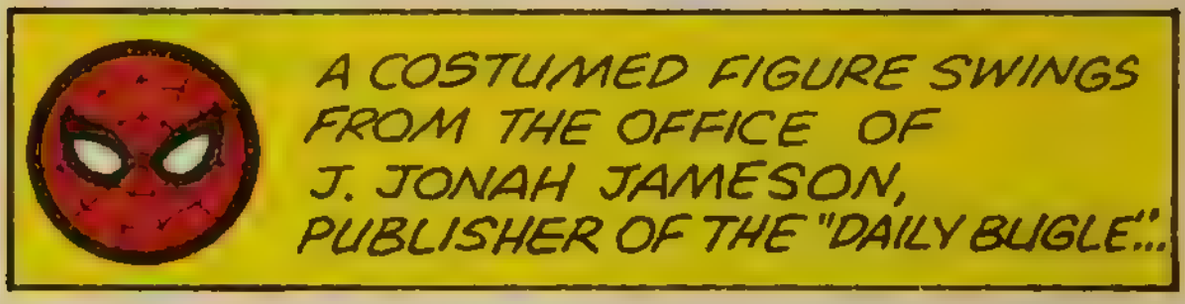

MORNIN', J.J.--YOU'VE GOT A VISITOR IN YOUR OFFICE.
A VISITOR? HOW'D HE GET IN?
CITY ROOM
MISS BRANT! YOU KNOW I DON'T SEE ANYONE WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT!
AND I DON'T MAKE APPOINTMENTS!
I-- COULDN'T QUITE KEEP HIM OUT, SIR.

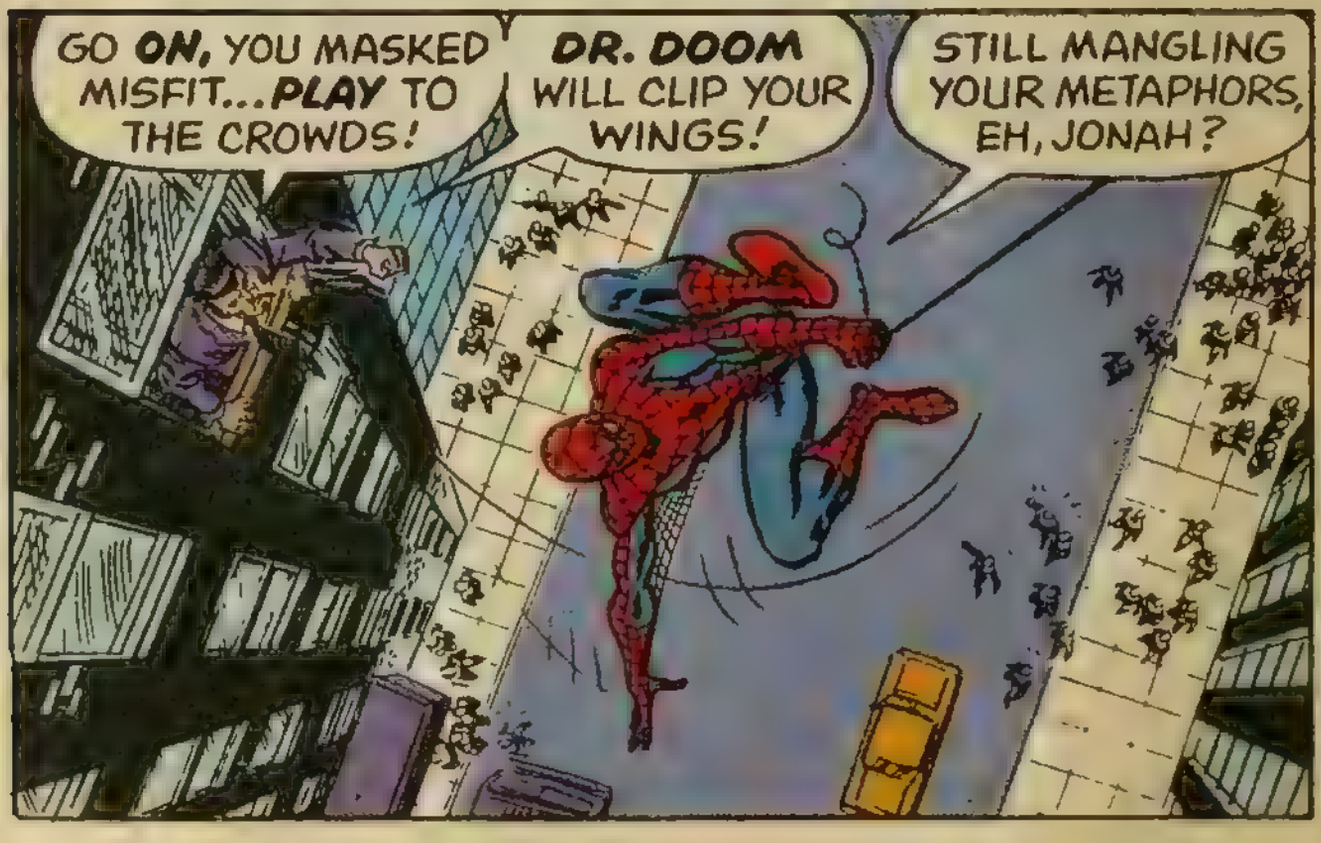

OH NO? WELL, I'LL GET RID OF--
YOU!
YOU WERE EXPECTING MUHAMMAD ALI?

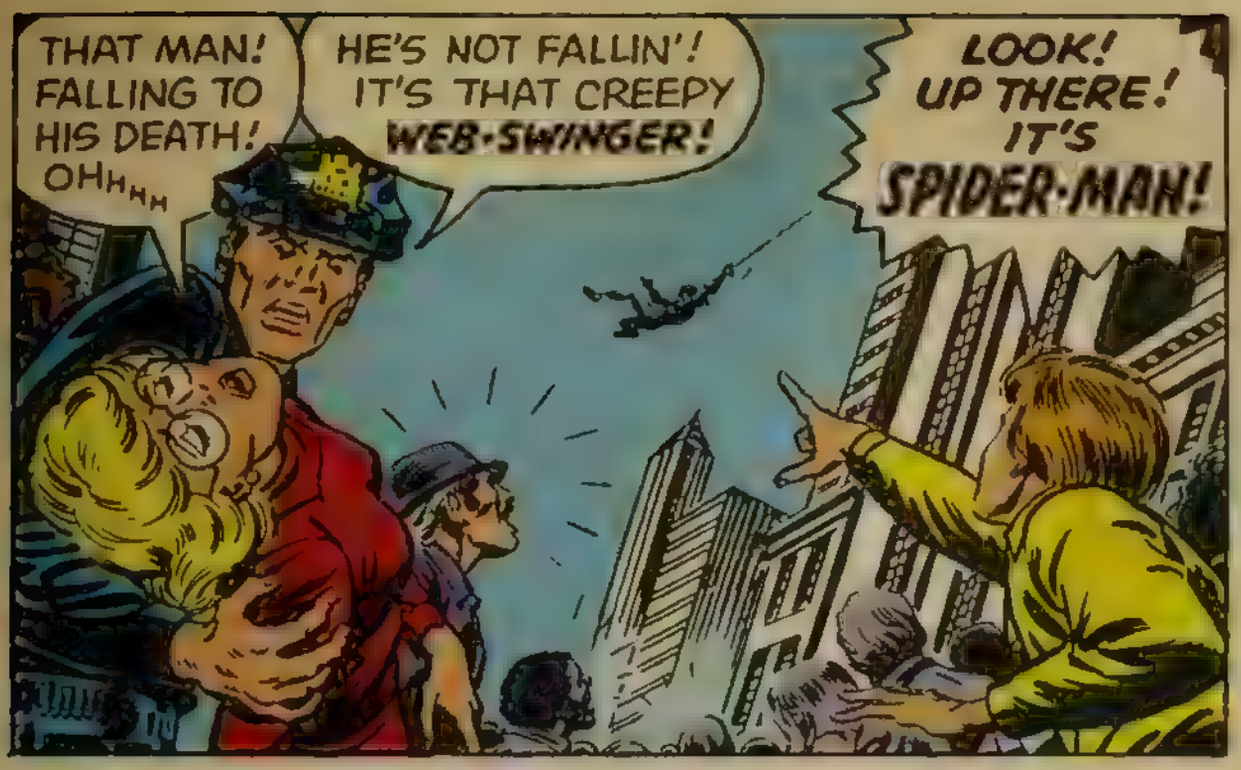
YOU MISANTHROPIC MASKED MORON! GET DOWN FROM THERE BEFORE I--

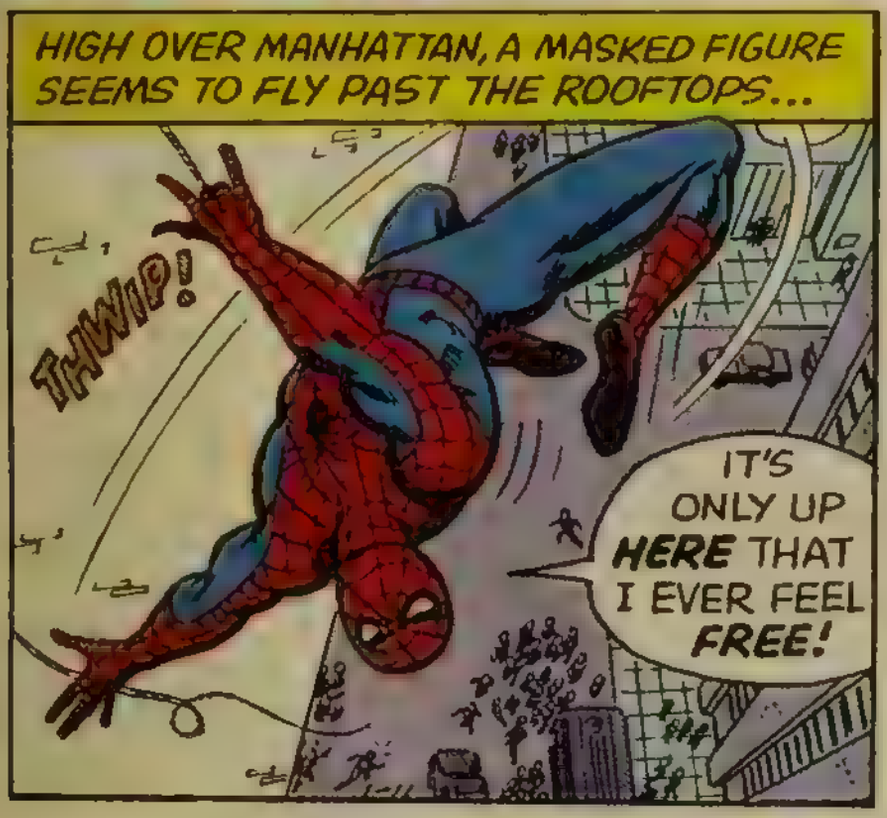
A FINE WAY TO TALK TO YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR-HOOD SPIDER-MAN!
LOOK, YOU WALL-CRAWLING WEASEL! I'VE GOT A GOOD MIND TO--
STOP BRAGGING, CUDDLES.
I JUST WANNA KNOW ONE THING--
ARE YOU THE CERTIFIABLE CRETIN WHO PROPOSED THAT DR. DOOM ADDRESS THE U.N.?
DAILY BUGLE
DR. DOOM EN ROUTE TO U.S.A.
WILL ADDRESS UNITED NATIONS ANTI-TERRORISM CONFERENCES
VICTOR VON DOOM KING OF LATVERIA
YOU KNOW IT, WEB-HEAD!
WE NEED PEOPLE LIKE DOOM WHO WON'T LET COMMIE PINKOS PUSH 'EM AROUND!
YEAH, WE NEED 'EM LIKE KOJAK NEEDS HAIR SPRAY!
DOOM WIPED OUT CRIME IN LATVERIA, DIDN'T HE?
SURE! HE CALLED HIS ENEMIES CRIMINALS AND HAD 'EM ALL SHOT!
GO ON--BE A NIT-PICKER!

JUST WAIT! DOOM'LL CLIP YOUR WINGS FOR GOOD, YOU HIGH-FLYING CREEP!
THAT'S IT, LEAN OUT A LITTLE FURTHER, CHUCKLES --SO TODAY WON'T BE A TOTAL LOSS!
THWIP!

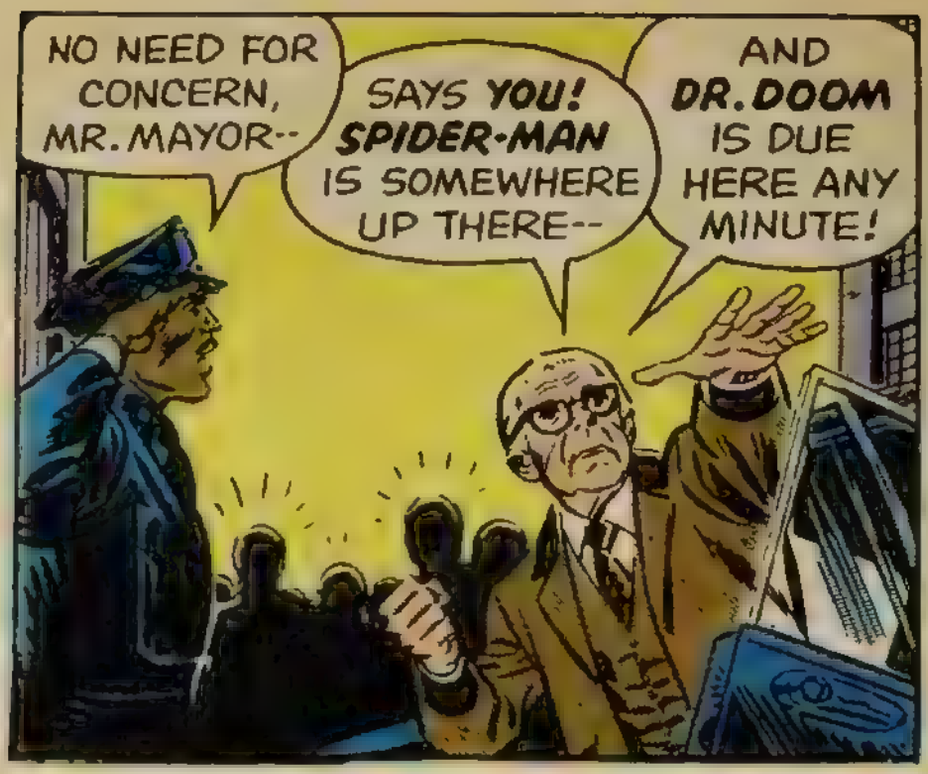

A COSTUMED FIGURE SWINGS FROM THE OFFICE OF J. JONAH JAMESON, PUBLISHER OF THE "DAILY BUGLE"...

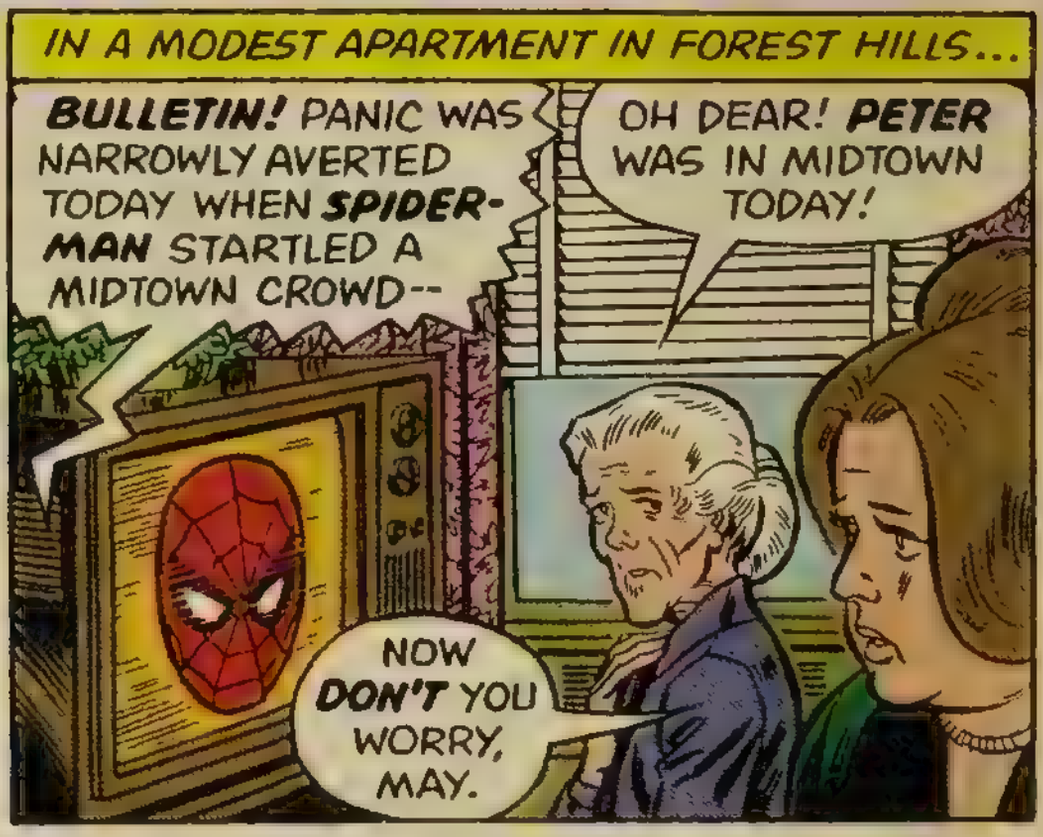

GO ON, YOU MASKED MISFIT... PLAY TO THE CROWDS!
DR. DOOM WILL CLIP YOUR WINGS!
STILL MANGLING YOUR METAPHORS, EH, JONAH?

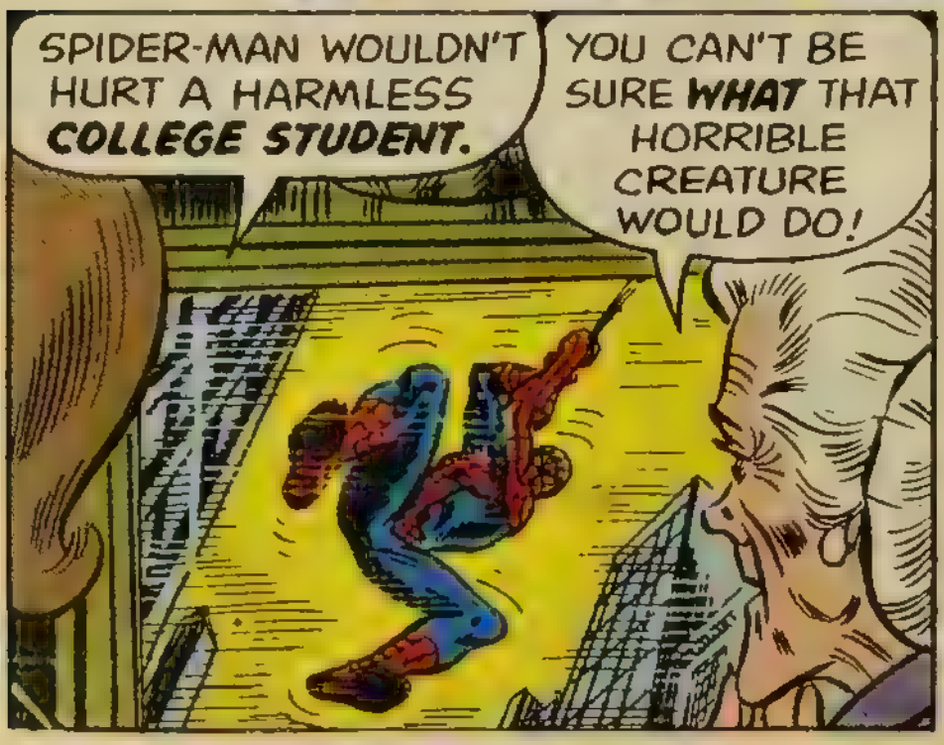

THAT MAN! FALLING TO HIS DEATH! OHHHHH
HE'S NOT FALLIN'! IT'S THAT CREEPY WEB-SWINGER!
LOOK! UP THERE! IT'S SPIDER-MAN!


HIGH OVER MANHATTAN, A MASKED FIGURE SEEMS TO FLY PAST THE ROOFTOPS...
THWIP!
IT'S ONLY UP HERE THAT I EVER FEEL FREE!

THIS HAPPENS EVERY TIME THAT COSTUMED CLOWN SWINGS BY!
SHE'LL BE OKAY. SHE JUST FAINTED.
NOW GET THIS STREET CLEARED!

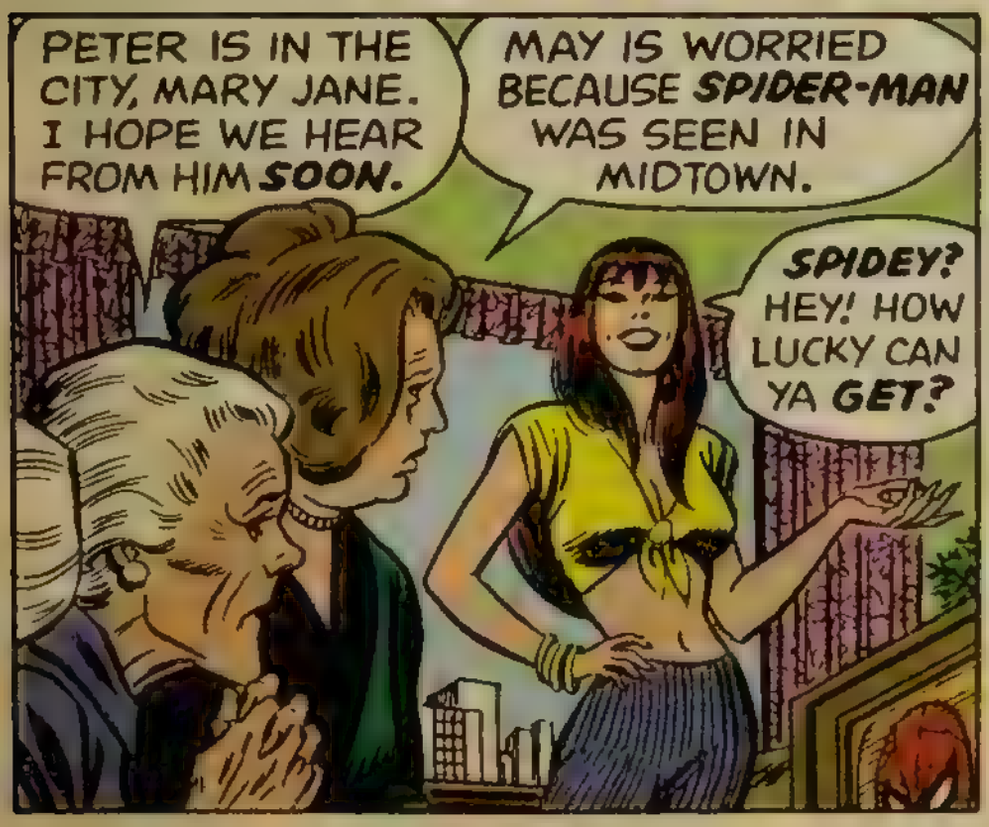

NO NEED FOR CONCERN, MR. MAYOR--
SAYS YOU! SPIDER-MAN IS SOMEWHERE UP THERE--
AND DR. DOOM IS DUE HERE ANY MINUTE!

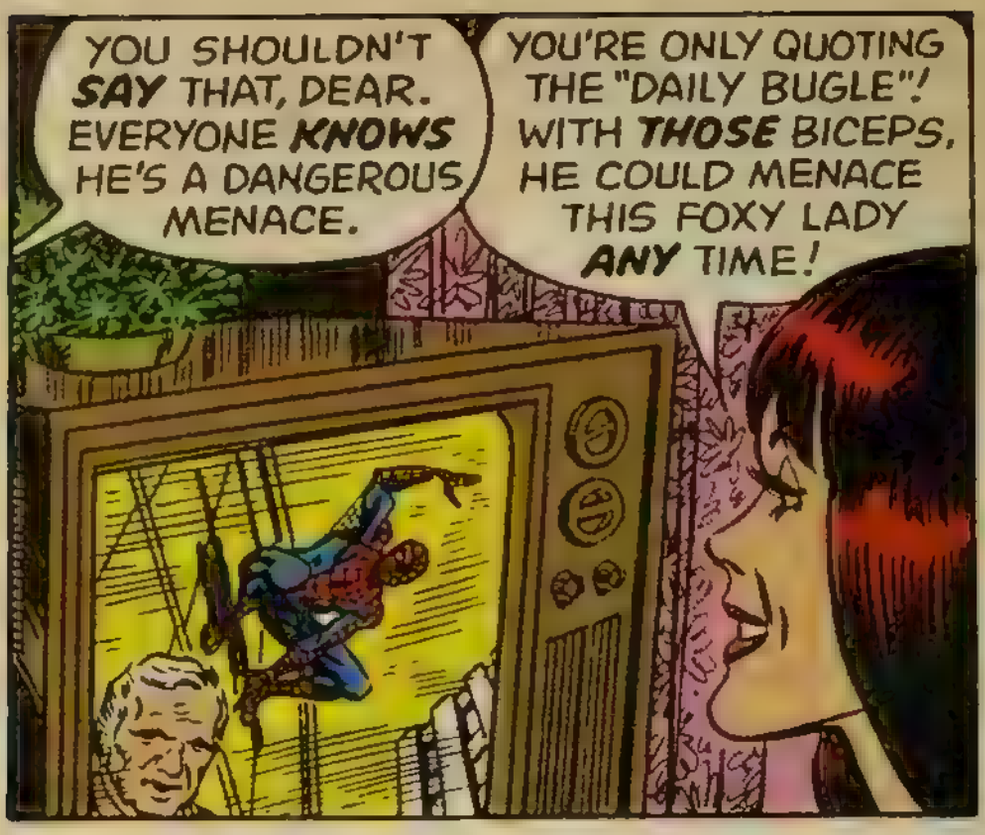

IN A MODEST APARTMENT IN FOREST HILLS...
BULLETIN! PANIC WAS NARROWLY AVERTED TODAY WHEN SPIDER-MAN STARTLED A MIDTOWN CROWD--
OH DEAR! PETER WAS IN MIDTOWN TODAY!
NOW DON'T YOU WORRY, MAY.


SPIDER-MAN WOULDN'T HURT A HARMLESS COLLEGE STUDENT.
YOU CAN'T BE SURE WHAT THAT HORRIBLE CREATURE WOULD DO!

I WONDER IF THEY'LL EVER FIND OUT WHO HE REALLY IS?
WELL, IT CERTAINLY WON'T BE ANYONE **WE** KNOW.

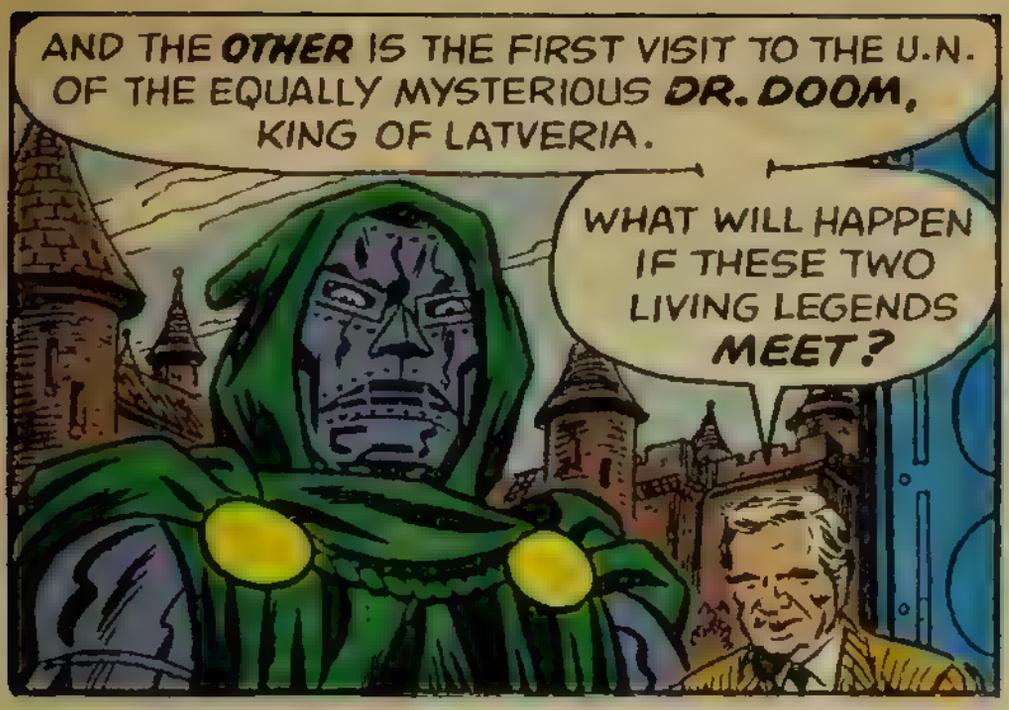
HI, MS. PARKER. HI, AUNTY. **HI,** LI'L BOOB TUBE.
PETEY SAID HE'D **MEET** ME HERE.
WHERE'S MY MAIN MAN HIDING?


PETER IS IN THE CITY, MARY JANE. I HOPE WE HEAR FROM HIM **SOON.**
MAY IS WORRIED BECAUSE **SPIDER-MAN** WAS SEEN IN MIDTOWN.
SPIDEY? HEY! HOW LUCKY CAN YA **GET?**

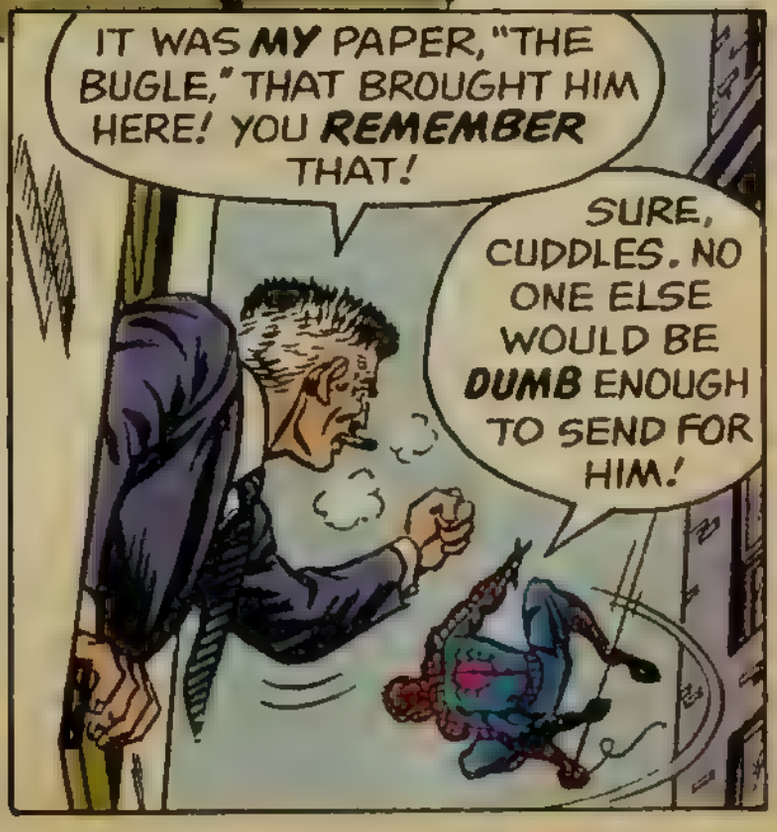

YOU SHOULDN'T SAY THAT, DEAR. EVERYONE KNOWS HE'S A DANGEROUS MENACE.
YOU'RE ONLY QUOTING THE "DAILY BUGLE"! WITH THOSE BICEPS, HE COULD MENACE THIS FOXY LADY ANY TIME!

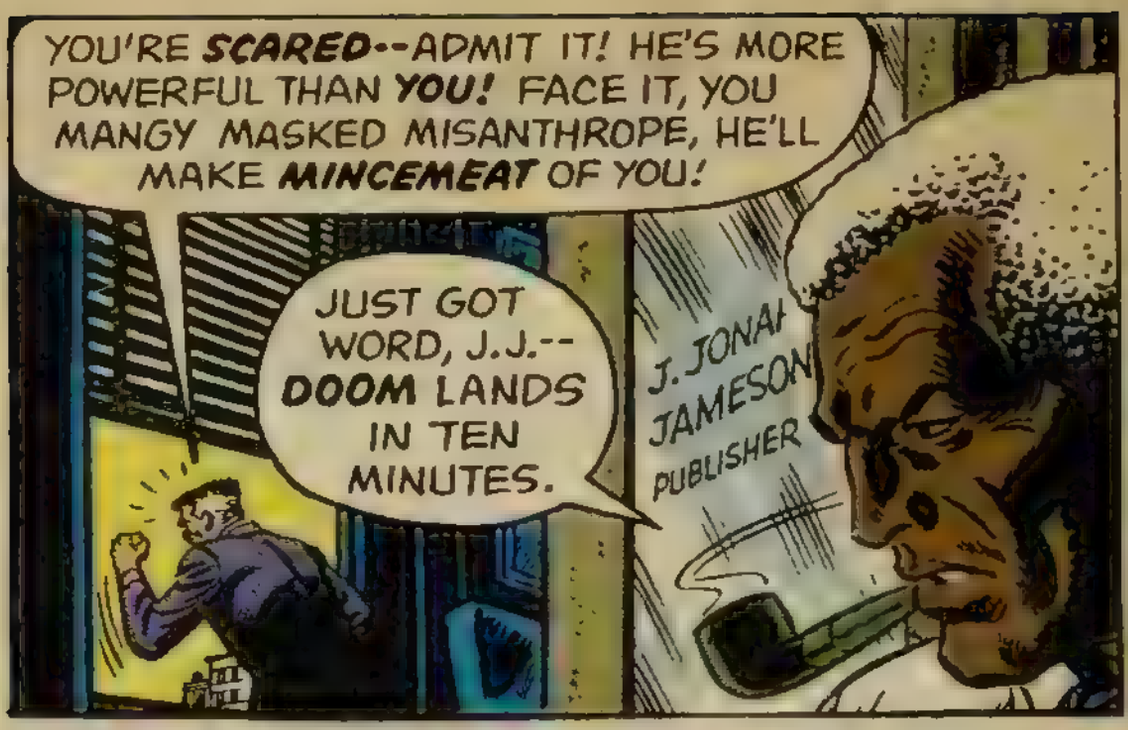
NEW YORK'S UNDERMANNED POLICE FORCE HAS TWO MAJOR PROBLEMS TO COPE WITH THIS WEEK--

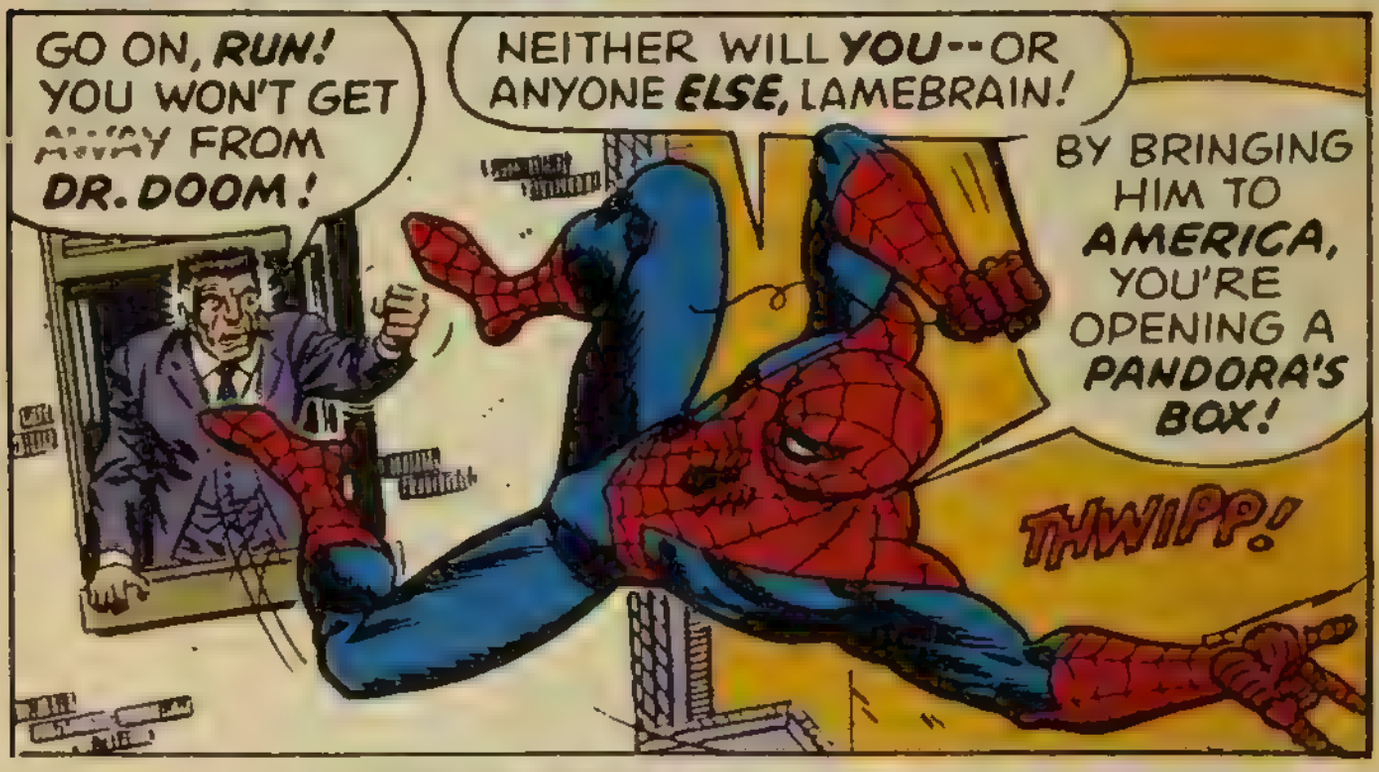
ONE IS THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE OF THE MYSTERIOUS SPIDER-MAN IN MIDTOWN TODAY.

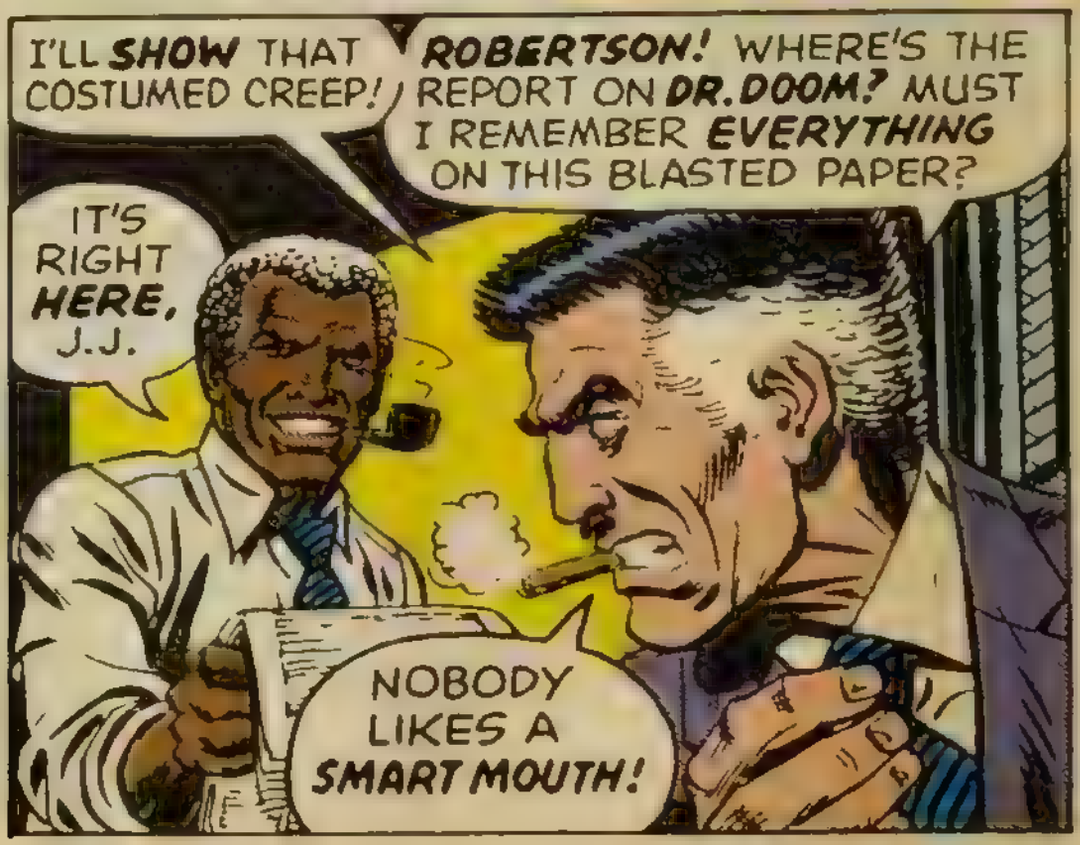

AND THE OTHER IS THE FIRST VISIT TO THE U.N. OF THE EQUALLY MYSTERIOUS DR. DOOM, KING OF LATVERIA.
WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THESE TWO LIVING LEGENDS MEET?

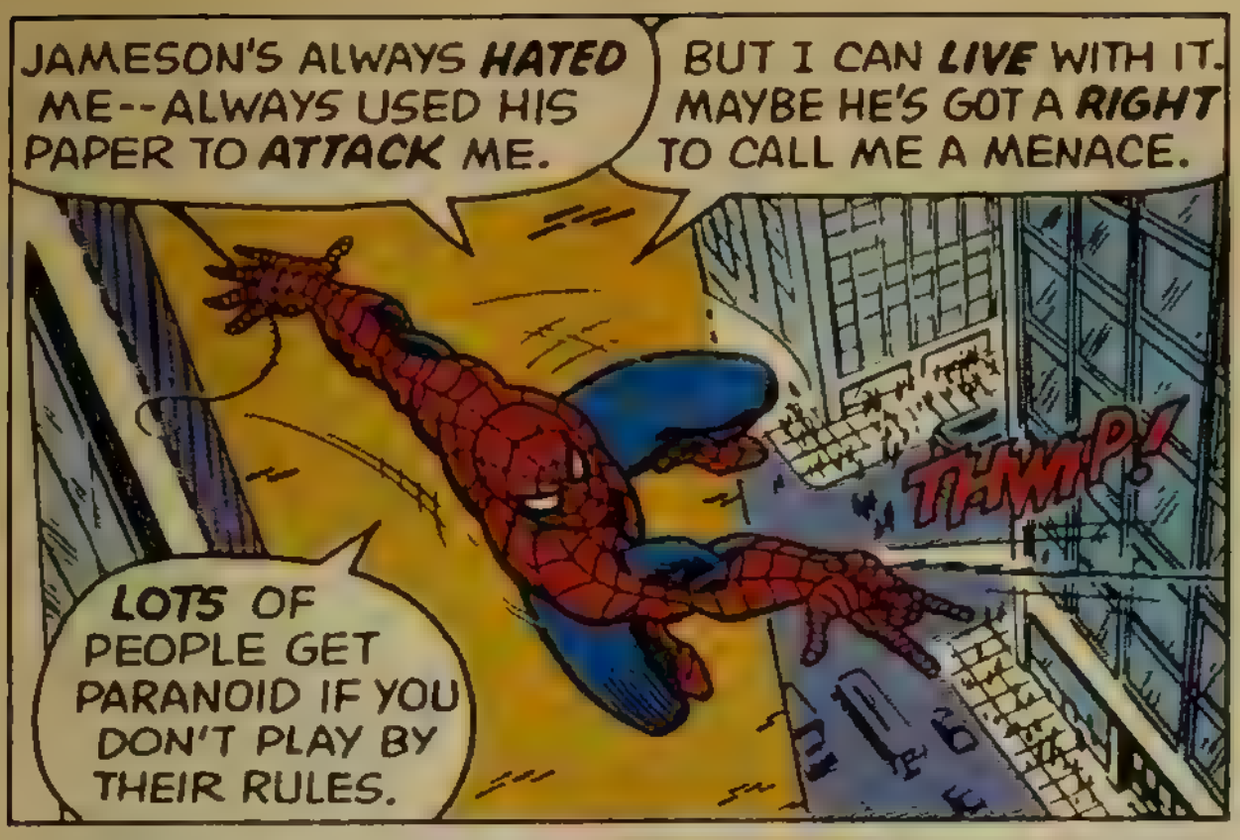
JUST OUTSIDE THE PUBLISHER'S WINDOW AT THE "DAILY BUGLE"...
YOU'RE ALL WASHED-UP, WEB-HEAD! DR. DOOM WILL FINISH YOU OFF.
YEAH! WHEN ARAFAT GETS BAR-MITZVAHED!


IT WAS MY PAPER, "THE BUGLE," THAT BROUGHT HIM HERE! YOU REMEMBER THAT!
SURE, CUDDLES. NO ONE ELSE WOULD BE DUMB ENOUGH TO SEND FOR HIM!

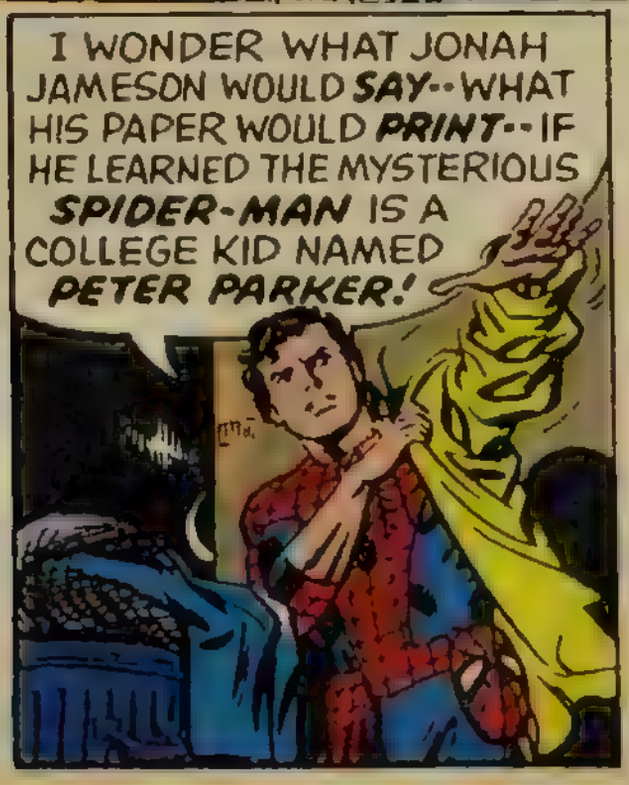

YOU'RE SCARED--ADMIT IT! HE'S MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU! FACE IT, YOU MANGY MASKED MISANTHROPE, HE'LL MAKE MINCEMEAT OF YOU!
JUST GOT WORD, J.J.-- DOOM LANDS IN TEN MINUTES.
J. JONAH JAMESON PUBLISHER


GO ON, RUN! YOU WON'T GET AWAY FROM DR. DOOM!
NEITHER WILL YOU--OR ANYONE ELSE, LAMEBRAIN!
BY BRINGING HIM TO AMERICA, YOU'RE OPENING A PANDORA'S BOX!
THWIPP!

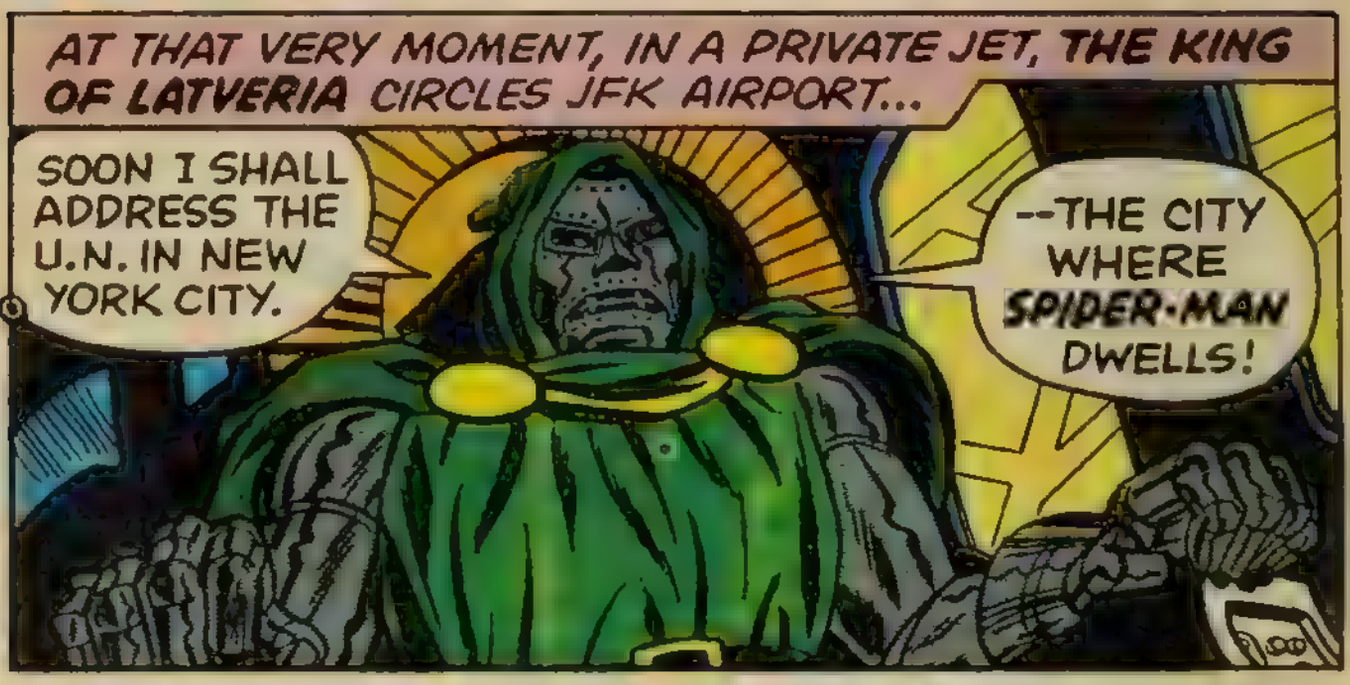

I'LL SHOW THAT COSTUMED CREEP!
ROBERTSON! WHERE'S THE REPORT ON DR. DOOM? MUST I REMEMBER EVERYTHING ON THIS BLASTED PAPER?
IT'S RIGHT HERE, J.J.
NOBODY LIKES A SMART MOUTH!


JAMESON'S ALWAYS HATED ME--ALWAYS USED HIS PAPER TO ATTACK ME.
BUT I CAN LIVE WITH IT. MAYBE HE'S GOT A RIGHT TO CALL ME A MENACE.
THWIP!
LOTS OF PEOPLE GET PARANOID IF YOU DON'T PLAY BY THEIR RULES.

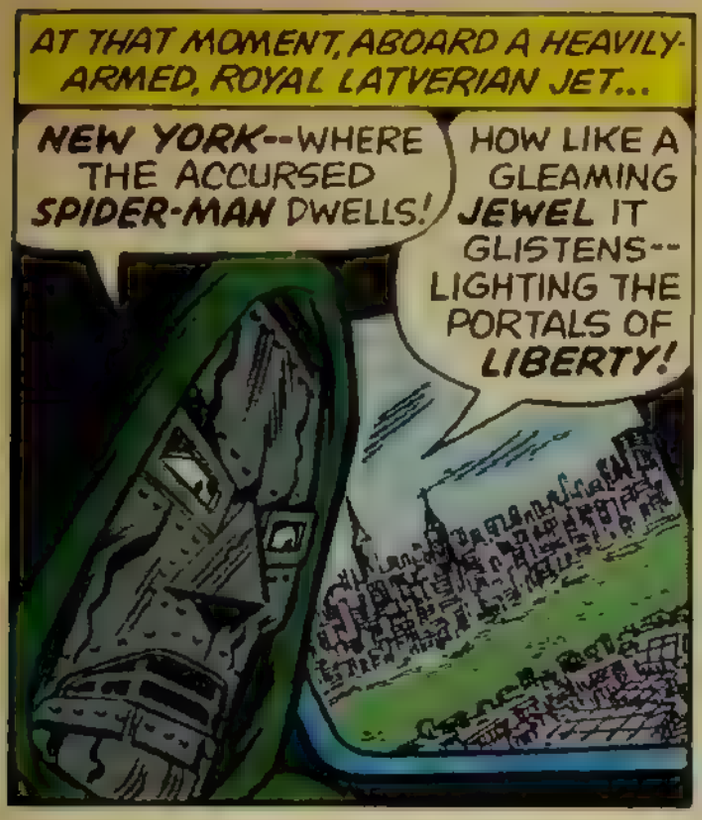
MAYBE I AM A THREAT-- TO THE ESTABLISHMENT-- TO HIS IDEA OF LAW AND ORDER.
AH, THERE'S MY SUIT, JUST WHERE I WEBBED IT!
MAYBE ALL MY CRIME-FIGHTING IS JUST A CRUMMY EGO TRIP!

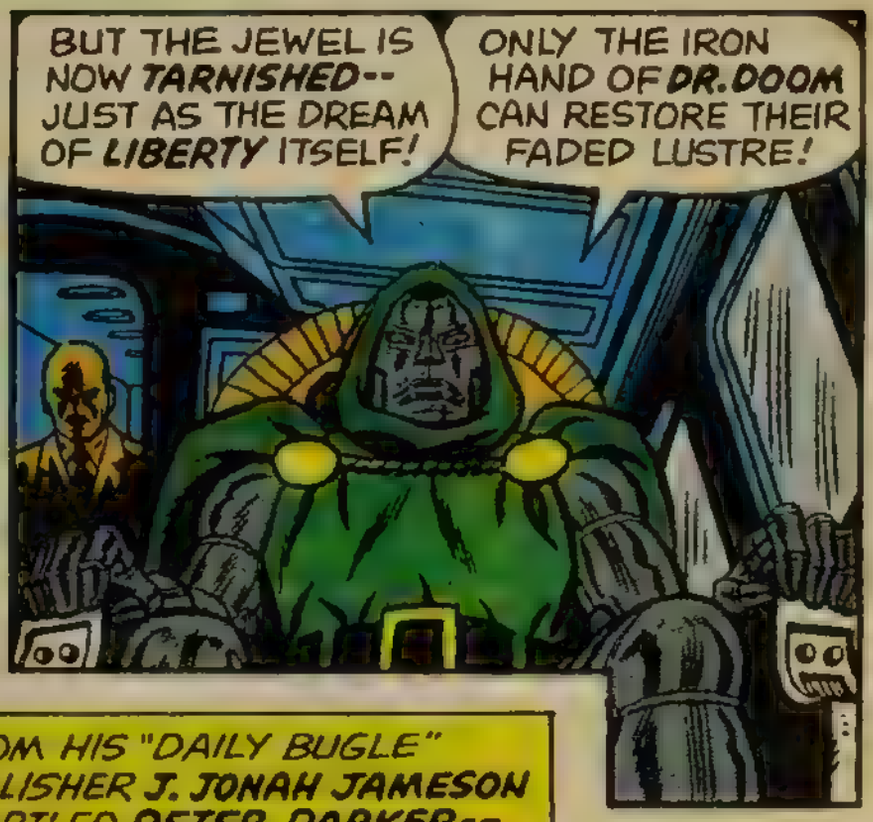

I WONDER WHAT JONAH JAMESON WOULD SAY--WHAT HIS PAPER WOULD PRINT--IF HE LEARNED THE MYSTERIOUS SPIDER-MAN IS A COLLEGE KID NAMED PETER PARKER!

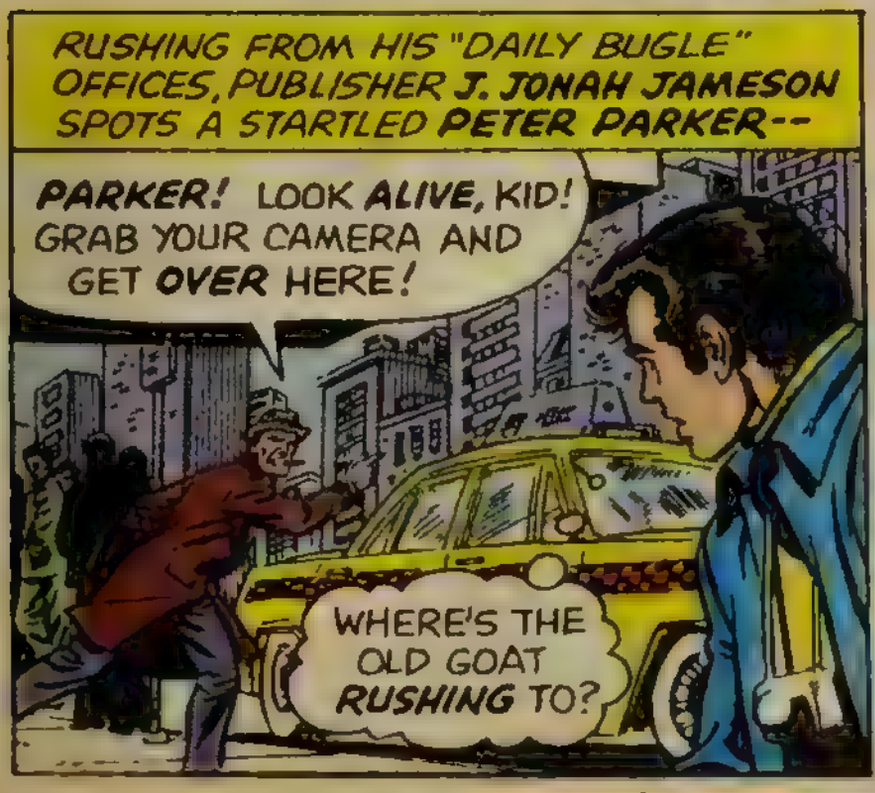
BUT JAMESON'S NOT THE PROBLEM. IT'S DR. DOOM I'M WORRIED ABOUT.
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN HE GETS HERE?

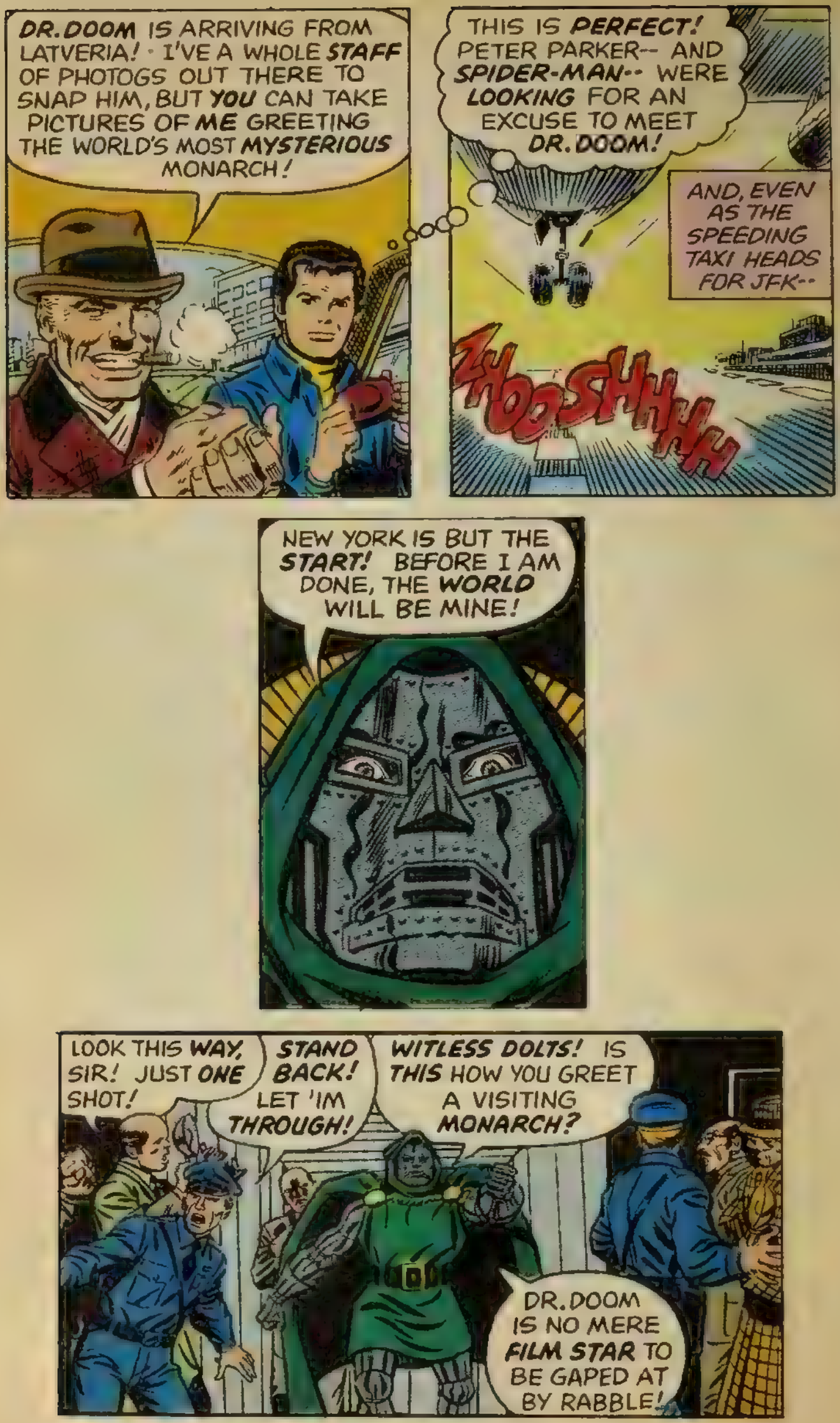

AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN A PRIVATE JET, THE KING OF LATVERIA CIRCLES JFK AIRPORT...
SOON I SHALL ADDRESS THE U.N. IN NEW YORK CITY.
--THE CITY WHERE SPIDER-MAN DWELLS!

DR. DOOM, MYSTERIOUS RULER OF LEGENDARY LATVERIA, IS JETTING TOWARDS THE U.N. ON A FLYING VISIT PROMOTED BY J. JONAH JAMESON, COLORFUL PUBLISHER OF THE "DAILY BUGLE."
AND NOW THAT YOU KNOW AS MUCH AS WE, LET'S JOIN THE MERRY MÉLANGE...
DOOM'S DUE TO LAND AT JFK WITHIN THE HOUR, JONAH!
BUT TELL ME, WHY'D YOU KEEP PUSHING FOR HIS VISIT?
HE'S JUST WHAT THEY NEED, ROBBIE! HE'S TOUGH--HARD! HE'LL SHOW 'EM HOW TO DEAL WITH THOSE BLASTED TERRORISTS!
BUGLE


AT THAT MOMENT, ABOARD A HEAVILY-ARMED, ROYAL LATVERIAN JET...
NEW YORK--WHERE THE ACCURSED SPIDER-MAN DWELLS!
HOW LIKE A GLEAMING JEWEL IT GLISTENS--LIGHTING THE PORTALS OF LIBERTY!


BUT THE JEWEL IS NOW TARNISHED--JUST AS THE DREAM OF LIBERTY ITSELF!
ONLY THE IRON HAND OF DR. DOOM CAN RESTORE THEIR FADED LUSTRE!

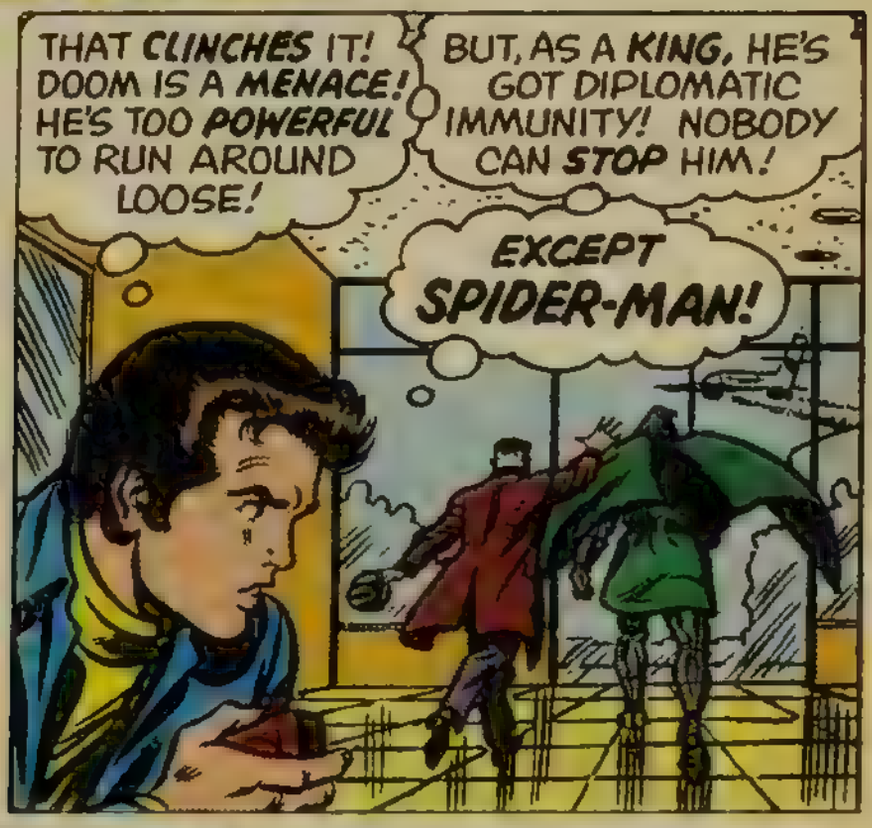

RUSHING FROM HIS "DAILY BUGLE" OFFICES, PUBLISHER J. JONAH JAMESON SPOTS A STARTLED PETER PARKER--
PARKER! LOOK ALIVE, KID! GRAB YOUR CAMERA AND GET OVER HERE!
WHERE'S THE OLD GOAT RUSHING TO?


DR. DOOM IS ARRIVING FROM LATVERIA! · I'VE A WHOLE STAFF OF PHOTOGS OUT THERE TO SNAP HIM, BUT YOU CAN TAKE PICTURES OF ME GREETING THE WORLD'S MOST MYSTERIOUS MONARCH!
THIS IS PERFECT! PETER PARKER-- AND SPIDER-MAN-- WERE LOOKING FOR AN EXCUSE TO MEET DR. DOOM!
AND, EVEN AS THE SPEEDING TAXI HEADS FOR JFK--
ZHOOSHHHH
NEW YORK IS BUT THE START! BEFORE I AM DONE, THE WORLD WILL BE MINE!
LOOK THIS WAY, SIR! JUST ONE SHOT!
STAND BACK! LET 'IM THROUGH!
WITLESS DOLTS! IS THIS HOW YOU GREET A VISITING MONARCH?
DR. DOOM IS NO MERE FILM STAR TO BE GAPED AT BY RABBLE!

BLASTED TRAFFIC! I THOUGHT WE'D NEVER GET HERE! IF I'M LATE FOR DOOM--!
PAY THE MAN, PARKER! I'VE GOTTA RUSH!
THAT'S HOW THE RICH GET RICHER!
I'M JONAH JAMESON-- OF THE "BUGLE," YOUR MAJESTY. IT WAS MY PAPER THAT GOT THE U.N. TO ASK YOU HERE-- TO TEACH THEM HOW TO COPE WITH TERRORISM!
AND TEACH THEM I SHALL--
IN A WAY THEY WILL NEVER FORGET!
MY FLAT-HEADED BOSS THINKS DR. DOOM CAN SHOW THE U.S. HOW TO STAMP OUT TERRORISM! THAT'S LIKE BONNIE AND CLYDE TEACHING CRIME PREVENTION! HEY-- WHAT'S HAPPENING?
MY SPIDER-SENSE-- TINGLING-- TRYING TO WARN ME OF SOMETHING! THE DOOR-- OPENING! IT- IT'S HIM!

I'VE ASKED PARKER TO TAKE A PHOTO OF US TOGETHER, YOUR MAJESTY.
NO!
THE ROYAL VISAGE OF DR. DOOM SHALL NEVER SERVE TO TITILLATE THE MASSES!
ZZAK!
HE-- UNLEASHED SOME KIND OF BOLT-- WITH JUST A GESTURE!
NONE MAY PHOTOGRAPH THE LORD OF LATVERIA WITHOUT MY ROYAL SANCTION!

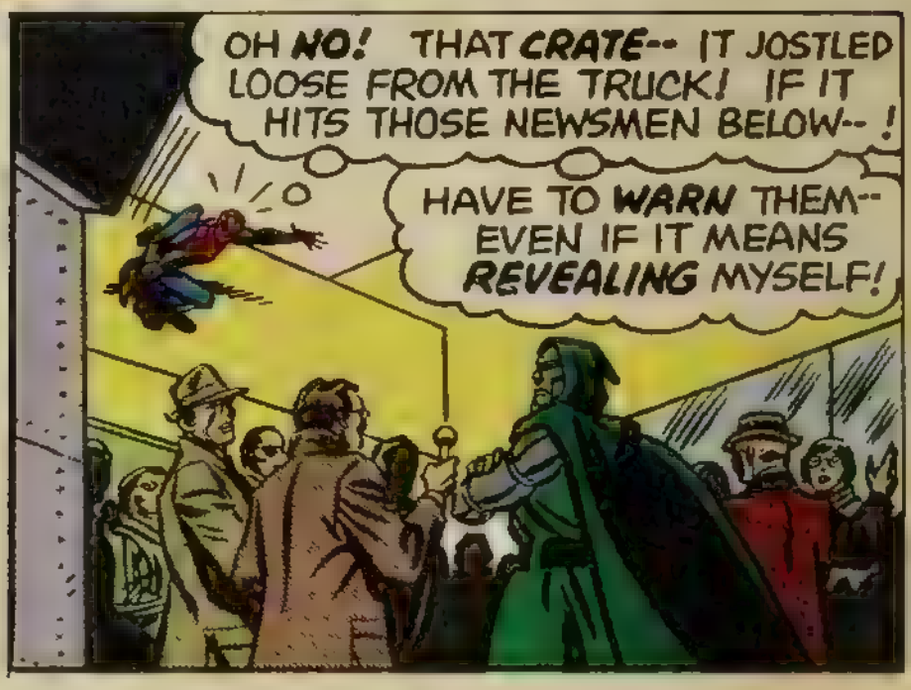
HE'S JUST A FRESH KID, YOUR HIGHNESS! HE DIDN'T KNOW ANY BETTER!
THE PHONY! HE ASKED ME TO DO IT!


THAT CLINCHES IT! DOOM IS A MENACE! HE'S TOO POWERFUL TO RUN AROUND LOOSE!
BUT, AS A KING, HE'S GOT DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY! NOBODY CAN STOP HIM!
EXCEPT SPIDER-MAN!

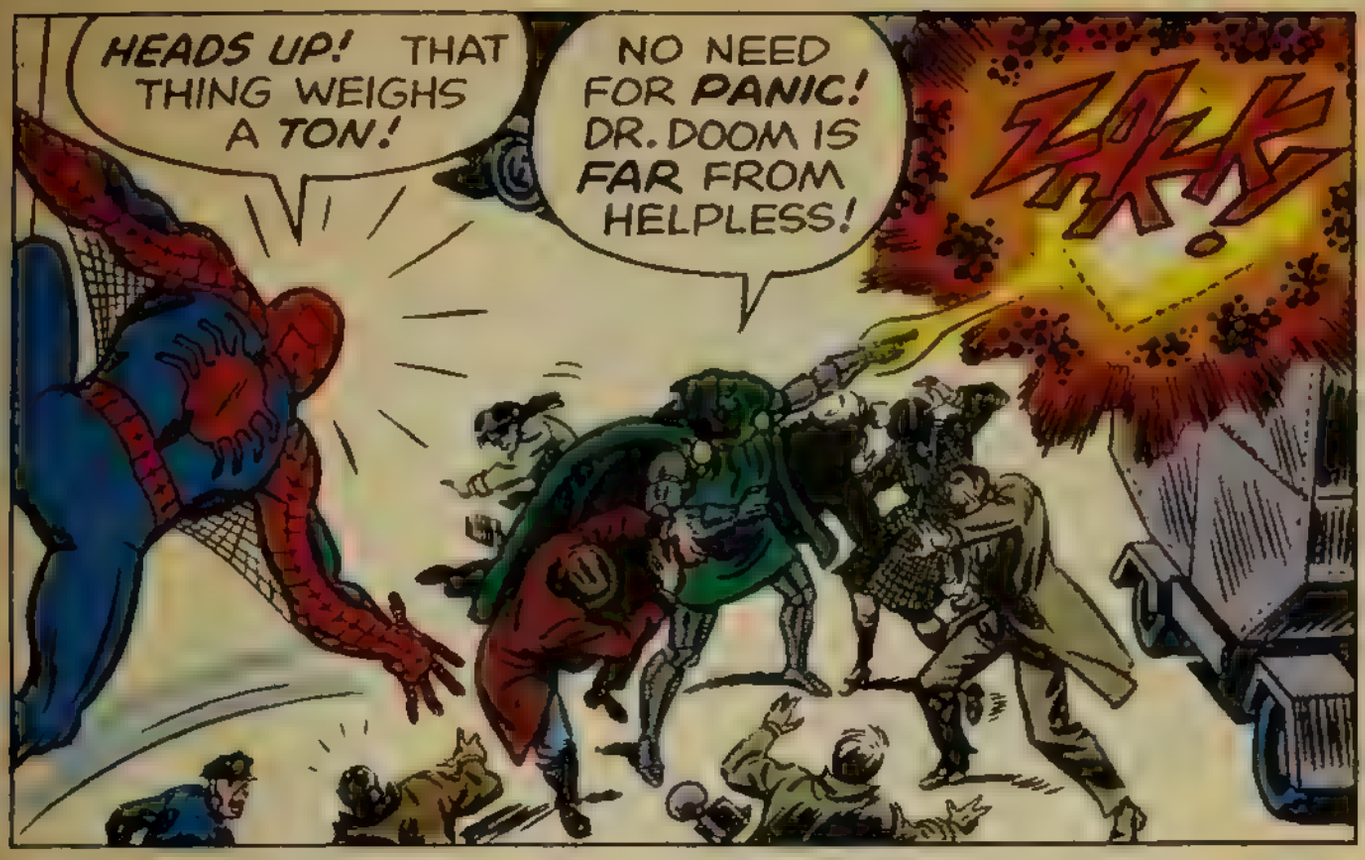
DR. DOOM IS POWER MAD! SOMEONE'S GOTTA TAIL HIM!

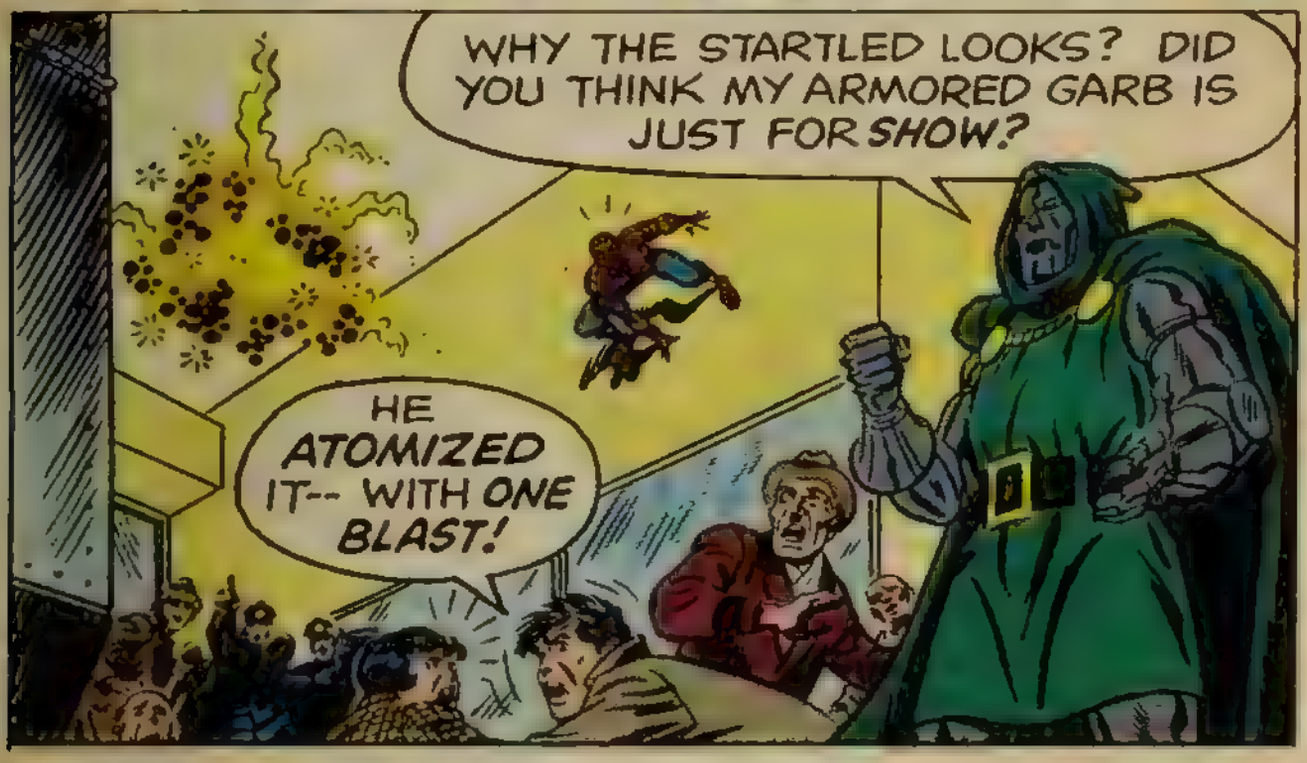
AND THAT'S JUST THE JOB FOR A FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN!

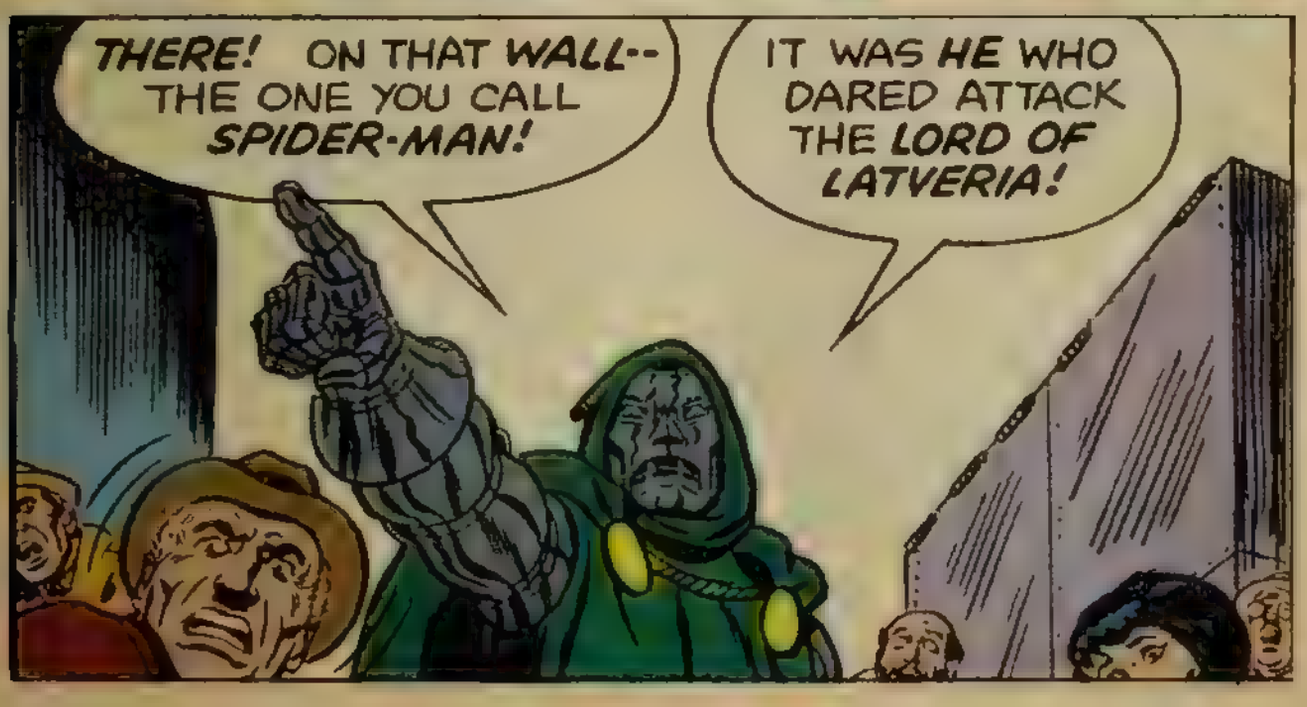
THERE MUST BE A WAY TO WARN THE U.N.-- TO MAKE THEM SEE HE'S A WALKING TIME BOMB!

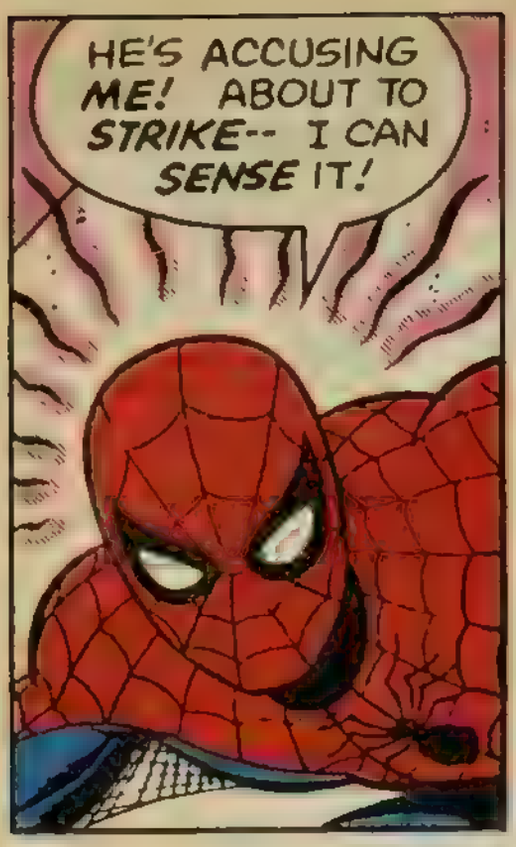

OH NO! THAT CRATE-- IT JOSTLED LOOSE FROM THE TRUCK! IF IT HITS THOSE NEWSMEN BELOW--!
HAVE TO WARN THEM-- EVEN IF IT MEANS REVEALING MYSELF!

WHAT A MOB SCENE! DOOM IS A MENACE-- BUT HE'S NEWS!
STILL, HE MUSTN'T REACH THE U.N.!
HEY! THAT CRATE!


HEADS UP! THAT THING WEIGHS A TON!
NO NEED FOR PANIC! DR. DOOM IS FAR FROM HELPLESS!
ZAK!

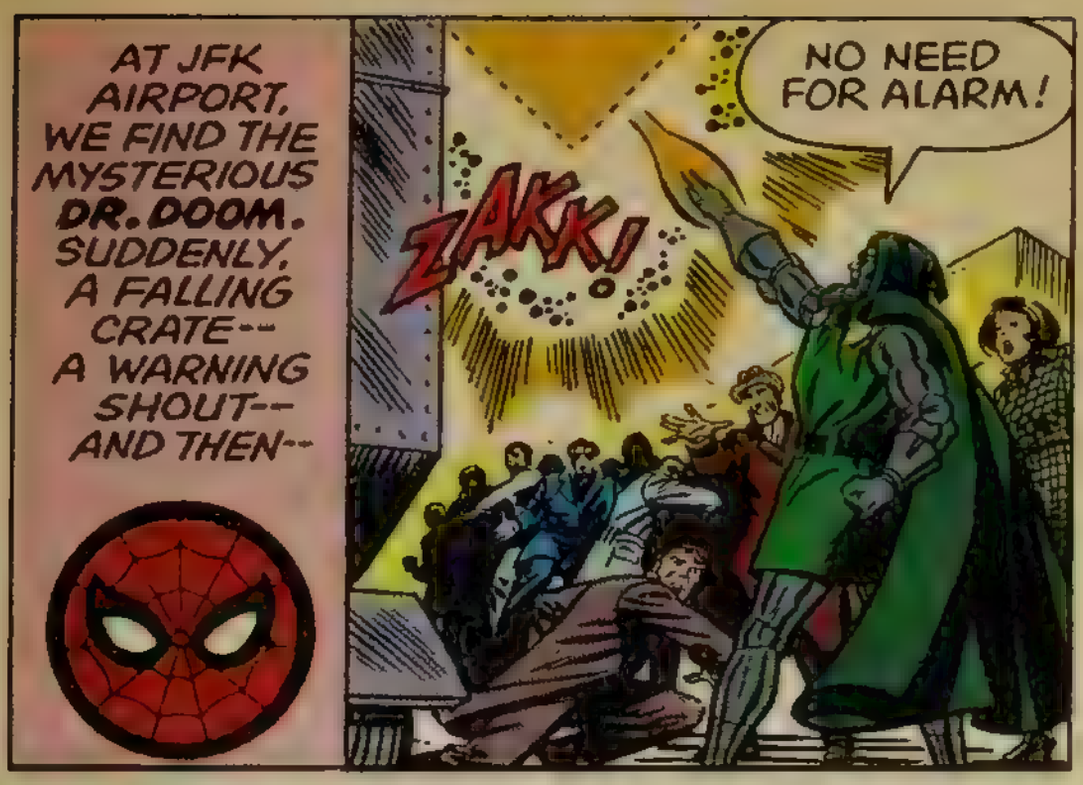

WHY THE STARTLED LOOKS? DID YOU THINK MY ARMORED GARB IS JUST FOR SHOW?
HE ATOMIZED IT-- WITH ONE BLAST!


THERE! ON THAT WALL-- THE ONE YOU CALL SPIDER-MAN!
IT WAS HE WHO DARED ATTACK THE LORD OF LATVERIA!

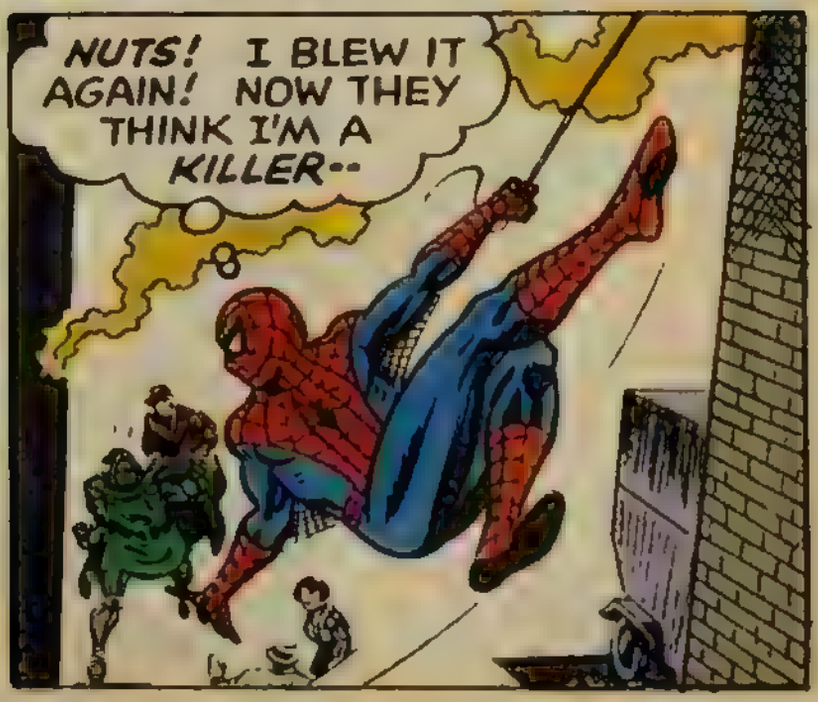

HE'S ACCUSING ME! ABOUT TO STRIKE-- I CAN SENSE IT!

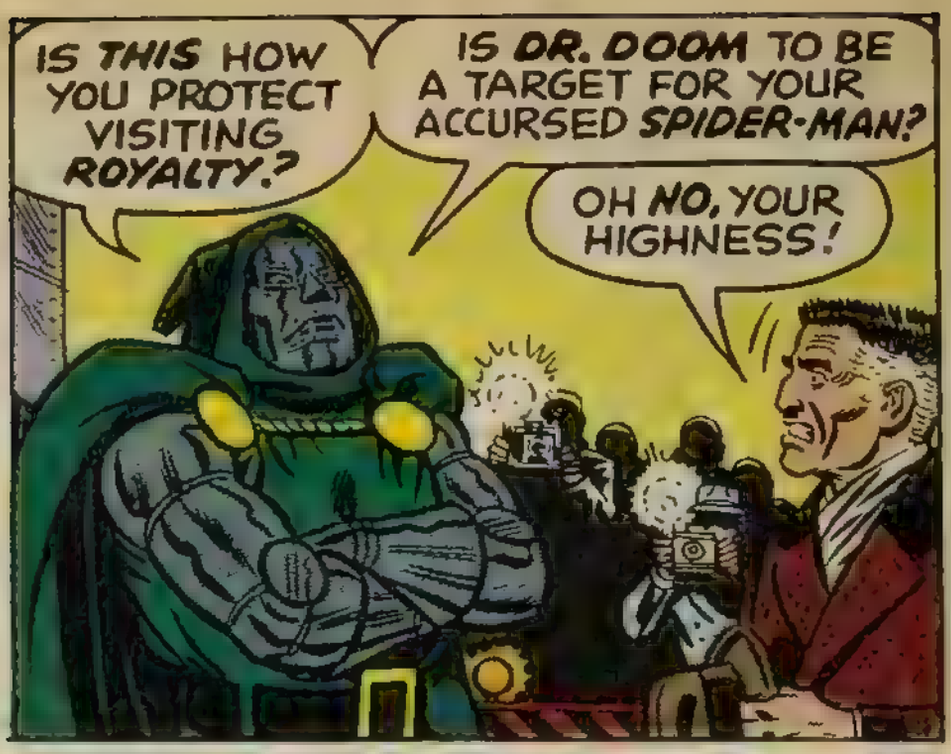
SEE HOW DR. DOOM DEALS WITH ASSASSINS!
ZAK

THEY THINK I'M A KILLER!
HOW CAN I WARN THE U.N. NOW?
ZAK


AT JFK AIRPORT, WE FIND THE MYSTERIOUS DR. DOOM. SUDDENLY, A FALLING CRATE-- A WARNING SHOUT-- AND THEN--
ZAKK!
NO NEED FOR ALARM!

ZAKK!
DR. DOOM IS MORE THAN A MATCH FOR ASSASSINS!
THE FOOLS! I TRIED TO WARN THEM!


NUTS! I BLEW IT AGAIN! NOW THEY THINK I'M A KILLER--

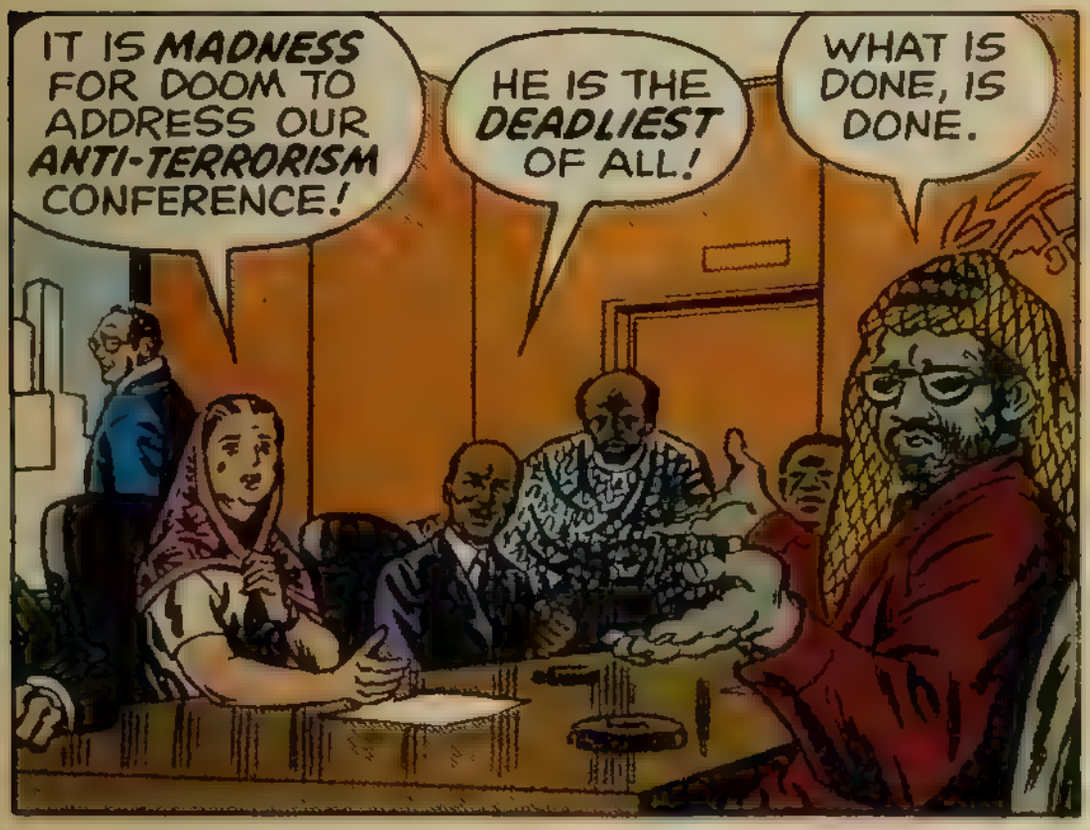

IS THIS HOW YOU PROTECT VISITING ROYALTY.?
IS DR. DOOM TO BE A TARGET FOR YOUR ACCURSED SPIDER-MAN?
OH NO, YOUR HIGHNESS!

SPIDER-MAN WILL PAY FOR HIS COWARDLY ATTACK!
THEN ENOUGH TALK! IT IS TIME FOR ME TO ADDRESS THE U.N.!

ABLE CHARLIE TO COMMAND! SPIDER-MAN HEADING DUE WEST!

I TRIED TO WARN THEM AGAINST DOOM-- NOW, THEY'RE AFTER ME!
BOY, IF LUCK WAS FOOD, I'D STARVE TO DEATH!

WITH DR. DOOM HEADING FOR THE U.N., ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN!
I'VE GOTTA GET THERE BEFORE HIM!

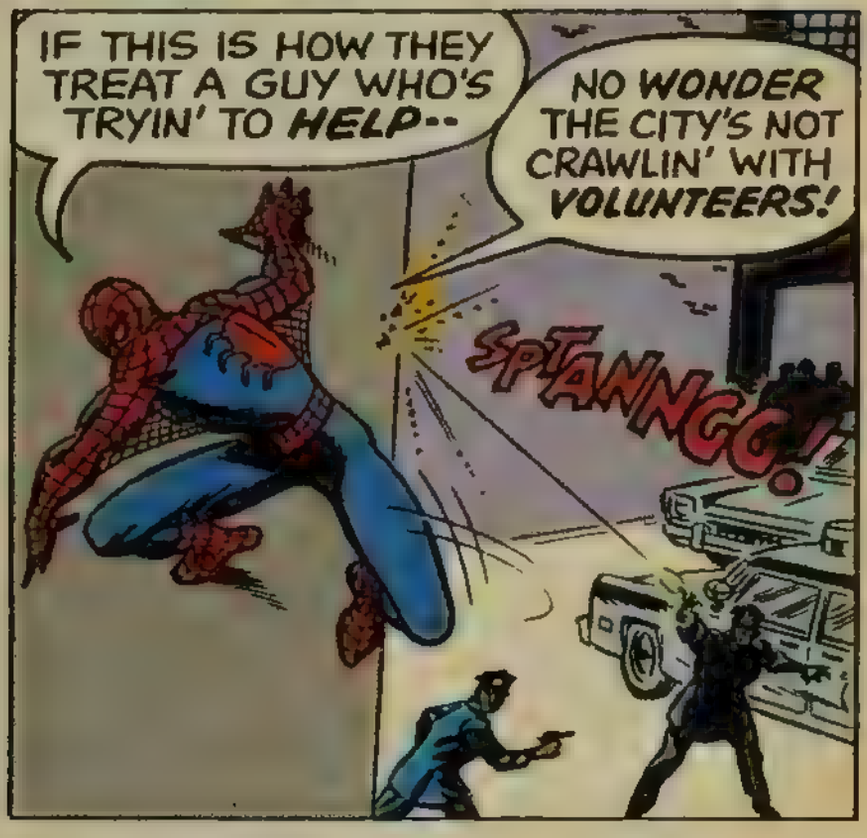

IT IS MADNESS FOR DOOM TO ADDRESS OUR ANTI-TERRORISM CONFERENCE!
HE IS THE DEADLIEST OF ALL!
WHAT IS DONE, IS DONE.

YOU CAN PROVE YOU COULD STAMP OUT TERRORISM-- BY SQUASHING SPIDER-MAN!
THE NEED TO PROVE IS FOR LESSER MEN! AND YET--

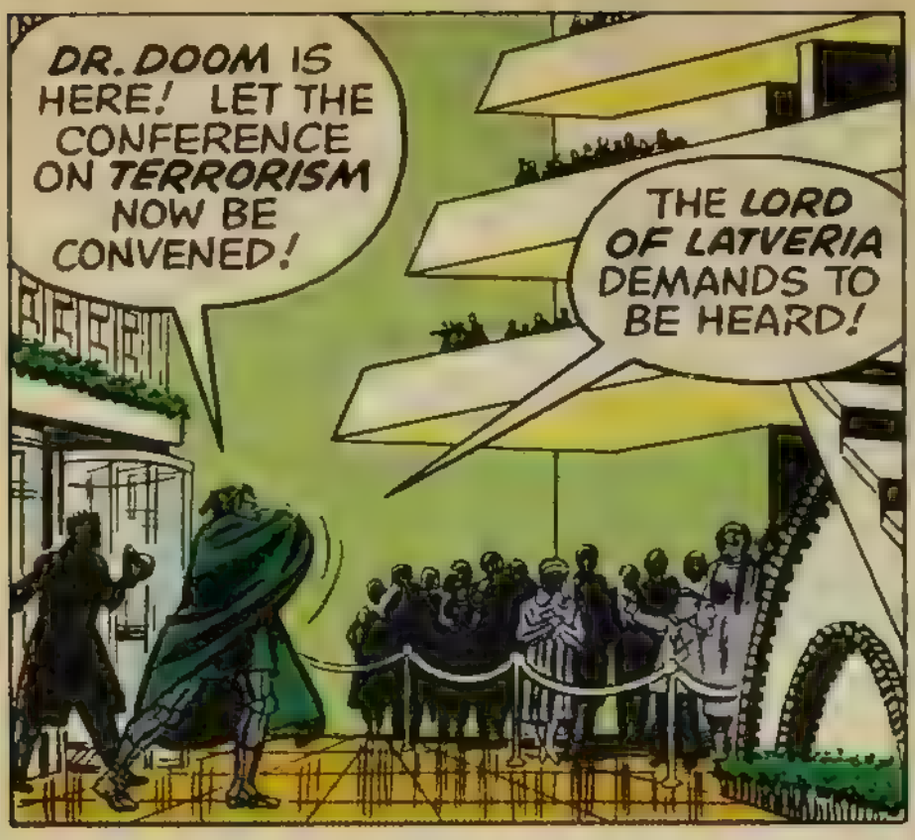
IF WE ARE TO ABOLISH TERRORISM, WE MUST NOT BE SWAYED BY DR. DOOM!
FOR HIS RHETORIC NEARLY EQUALS HIS POWER!

"AND HIS POWER IS SAID TO BE MORE THAN HUMAN-- MORE THAN MERELY MORTAL!"

IT'S SPIDER-MAN! HE MUSTN'T REACH THE U.N.!
STOP 'IM!

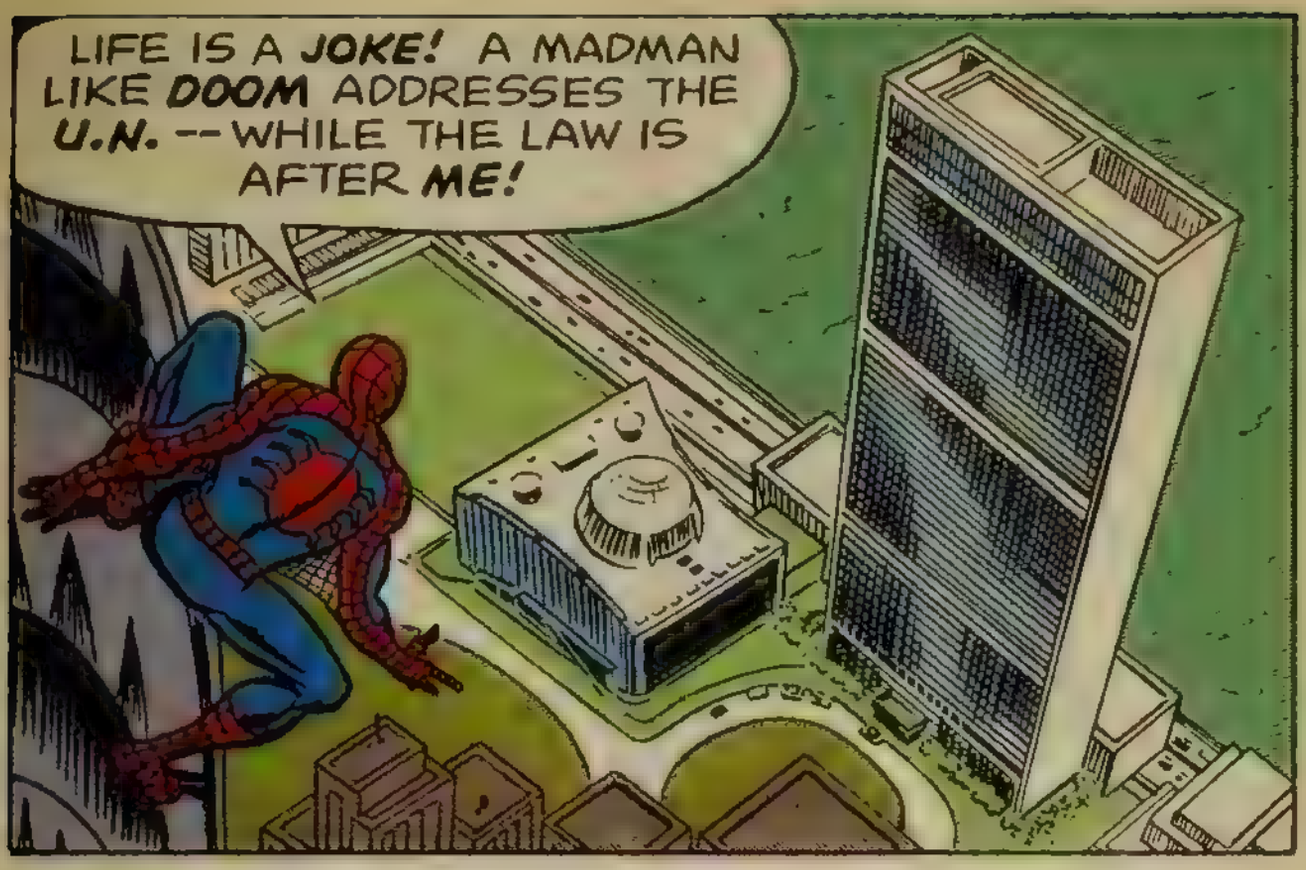

IF THIS IS HOW THEY TREAT A GUY WHO'S TRYIN' TO HELP--
NO WONDER THE CITY'S NOT CRAWLIN' WITH VOLUNTEERS!
SPTANNGG!

REMEMBER, YOUR HIGHNESS, IT WAS THE BUGLE THAT PRESSURED THEM TO INVITE YOU HERE!
INVITATIONS ARE NOT FOR ME! DR. DOOM GOES WHERE HE WILL!

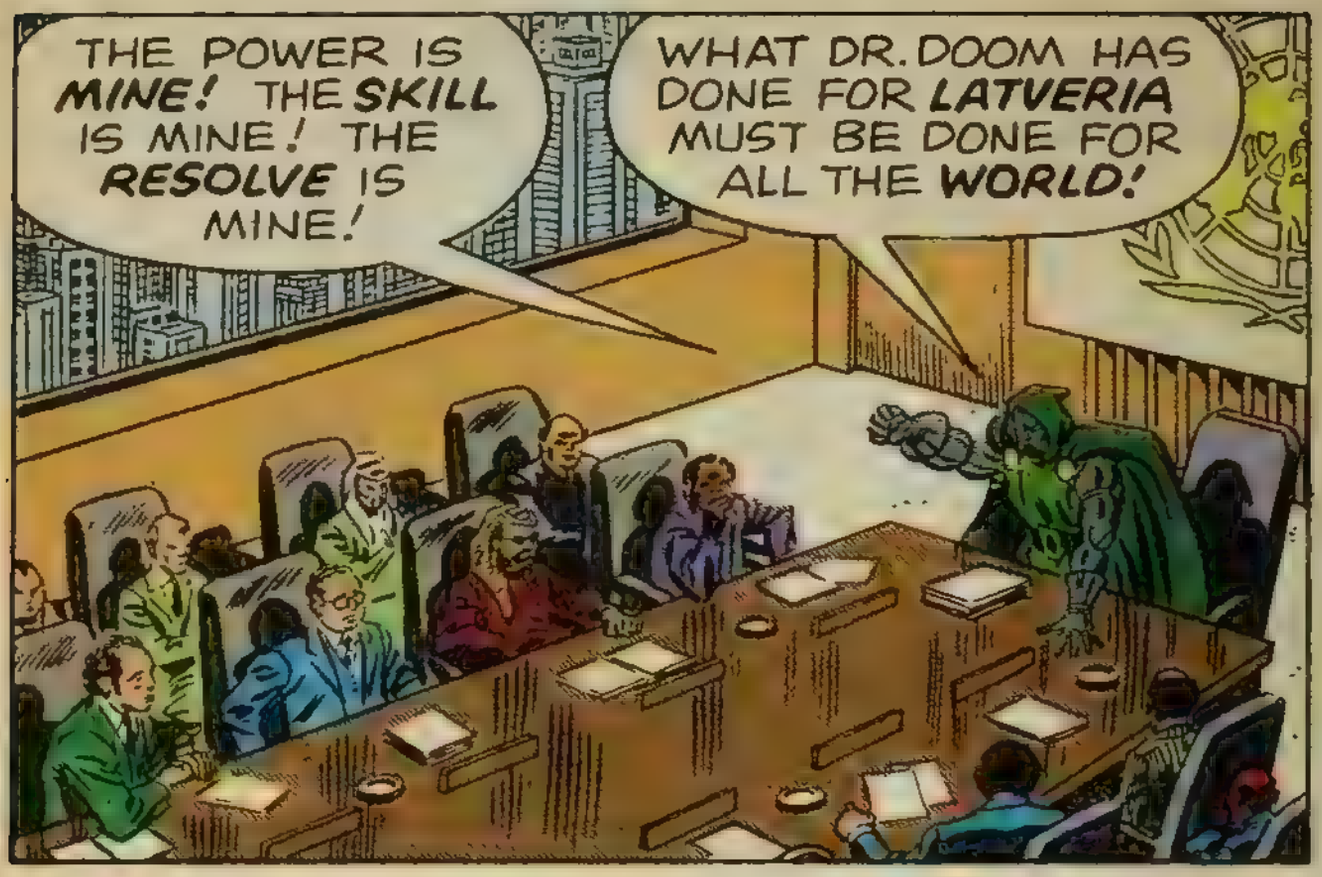

DR. DOOM IS HERE! LET THE CONFERENCE ON TERRORISM NOW BE CONVENED!
THE LORD OF LATVERIA DEMANDS TO BE HEARD!

WE GOT 'IM ON THE RUN, CHIEF! THE WEB-SLINGER WON'T GET NEAR THE U.N.!

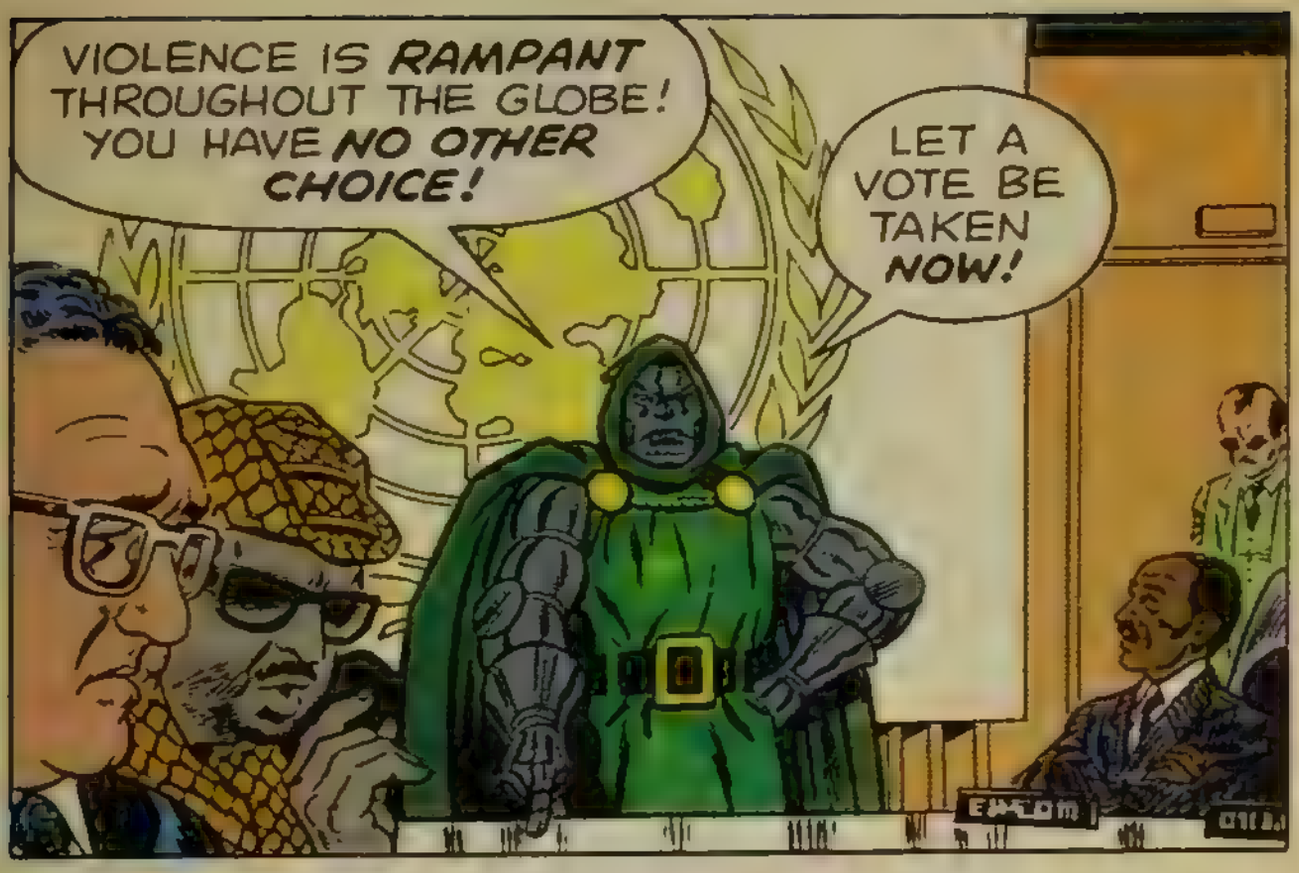
THEY DON'T REALIZE DOOM'S POWER!
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS-- AND I CAN'T REACH HIM IN TIME--!

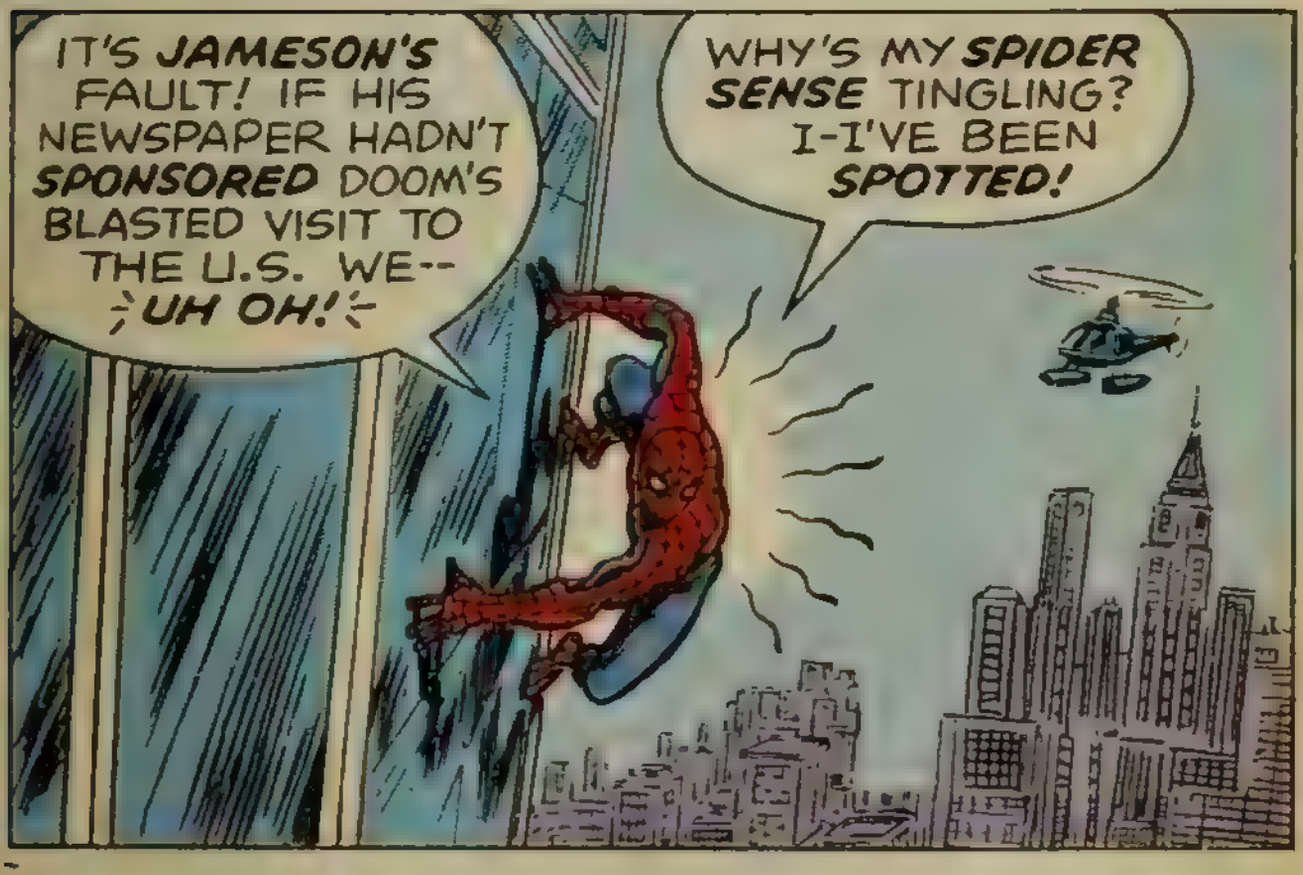

LIFE IS A JOKE! A MADMAN LIKE DOOM ADDRESSES THE U.N. -- WHILE THE LAW IS AFTER ME!

THE ANSWER TO TERRORISM IS NAKED FORCE!
ONLY THE STRONG CAN CONQUER CRIME! ONLY RAW POWER CAN CRUSH THE LAWLESS!


THE POWER IS MINE! THE SKILL IS MINE! THE RESOLVE IS MINE!
WHAT DR. DOOM HAS DONE FOR LATVERIA MUST BE DONE FOR ALL THE WORLD!

GIVE ME COMPLETE CONTROL OF WORLD SECURITY--
AND I OFFER YOU AN END TO UNBRIDLED TERRORISM!

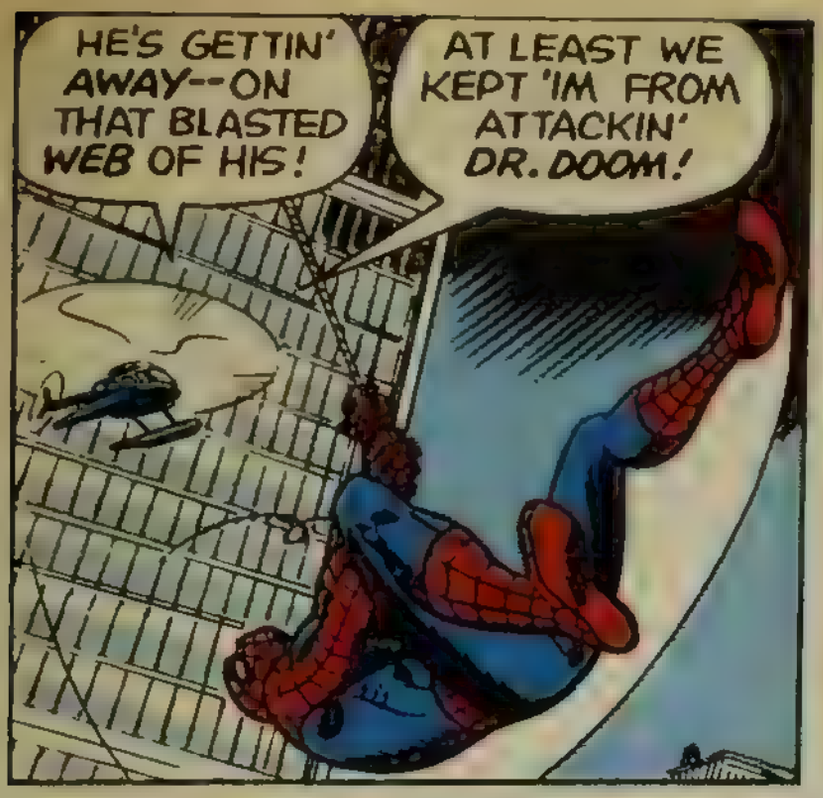

VIOLENCE IS RAMPANT THROUGHOUT THE GLOBE! YOU HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE!
LET A VOTE BE TAKEN NOW!

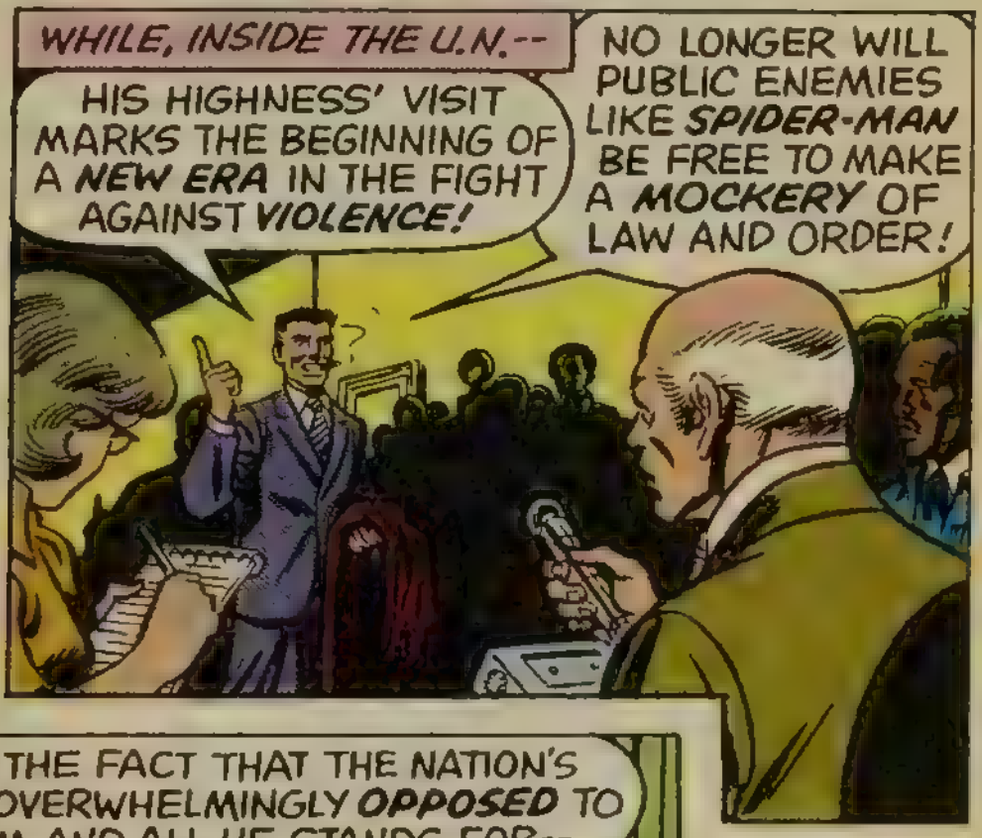

IT'S JAMESON'S FAULT! IF HIS NEWSPAPER HADN'T SPONSORED DOOM'S BLASTED VISIT TO THE U.S. WE-- ;UH OH!;
WHY'S MY SPIDER SENSE TINGLING? I-I'VE BEEN SPOTTED!

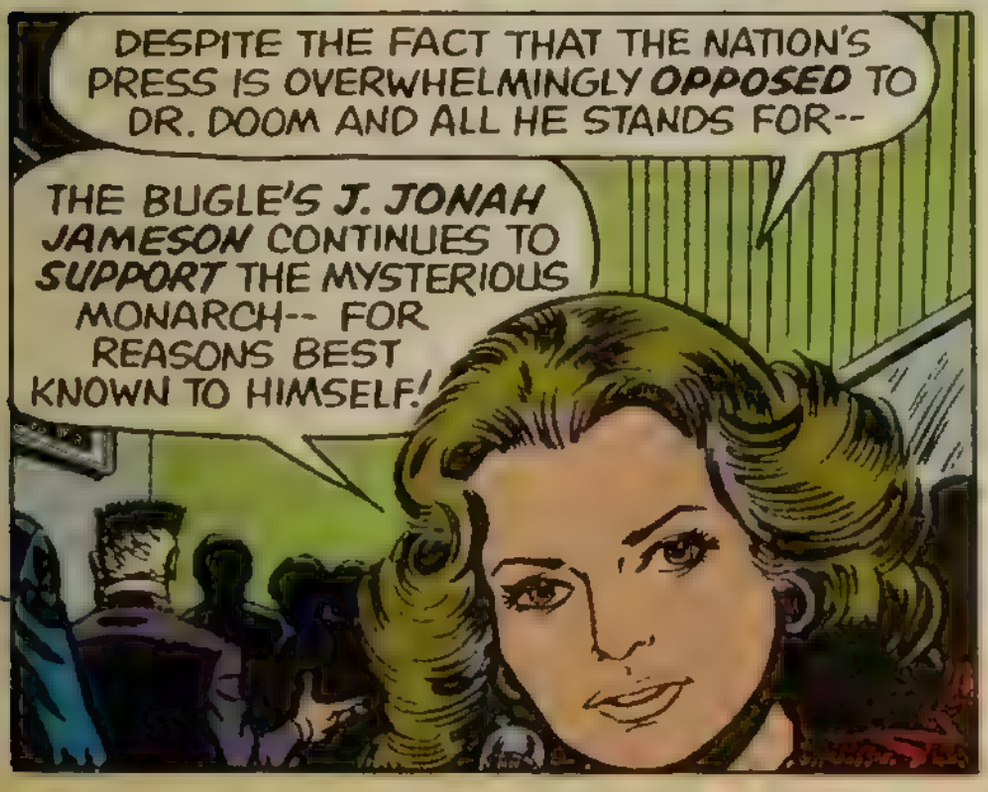
THE MYSTERIOUS DR. DOOM, MEGALOMANIACAL MONARCH OF LATVERIA, DEMANDS THAT THE U.N. GRANT HIM ABSOLUTE POWER TO DEAL WITH WORLDWIDE TERRORISM!
FORCE MUST BE MET WITH FORCE-- TERROR WITH TERROR! I DO NOT SEEK YOUR VOTE! I DO NOT REQUEST YOUR VOTE! I DEMAND IT!

I'M JUST IN TIME! DOOM'S STARTING TO THREATEN! IF HE-- ÷UH OH!÷
A CHOPPER! THEY'VE SPOTTED ME!

THE BRASS WAS RIGHT! HE'S AFTER DR. DOOM!
GET 'IM-- BEFORE HE STARTS WORLD WAR THREE!
POLICE


HE'S GETTIN' AWAY--ON THAT BLASTED WEB OF HIS!
AT LEAST WE KEPT 'IM FROM ATTACKIN' DR. DOOM!

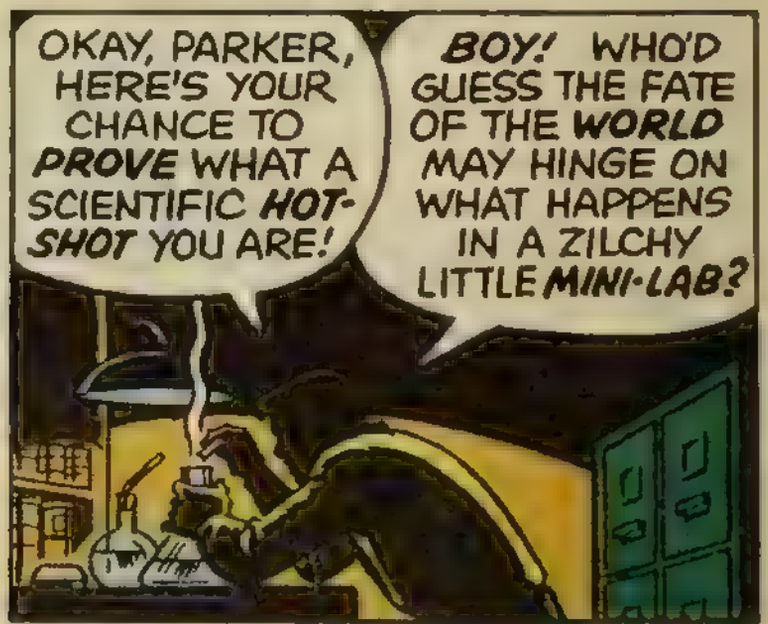

WHILE, INSIDE THE U.N.--
HIS HIGHNESS' VISIT MARKS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA IN THE FIGHT AGAINST VIOLENCE!
NO LONGER WILL PUBLIC ENEMIES LIKE SPIDER-MAN BE FREE TO MAKE A MOCKERY OF LAW AND ORDER!


DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE NATION'S PRESS IS OVERWHELMINGLY OPPOSED TO DR. DOOM AND ALL HE STANDS FOR--
THE BUGLE'S J. JONAH JAMESON CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE MYSTERIOUS MONARCH-- FOR REASONS BEST KNOWN TO HIMSELF!

NO CHANCE OF COLLARING DR. DOOM-- THE U.N.'S CRAWLIN' WITH BRASS!

SO I'LL VANISH-- LET 'EM THINK I'VE GIVEN UP!
THEN I'LL TACKLE HIM LATER-- WHEN THEY'RE OFF GUARD!

BUT HOW DO I TACKLE HIM!
HOW CAN MY SPIDER POWER DEFEAT AN ARMORED LIVING ARSENAL?


OKAY, PARKER, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO PROVE WHAT A SCIENTIFIC HOT-SHOT YOU ARE!
BOY! WHO'D GUESS THE FATE OF THE WORLD MAY HINGE ON WHAT HAPPENS IN A ZILCHY LITTLE MINI-LAB?

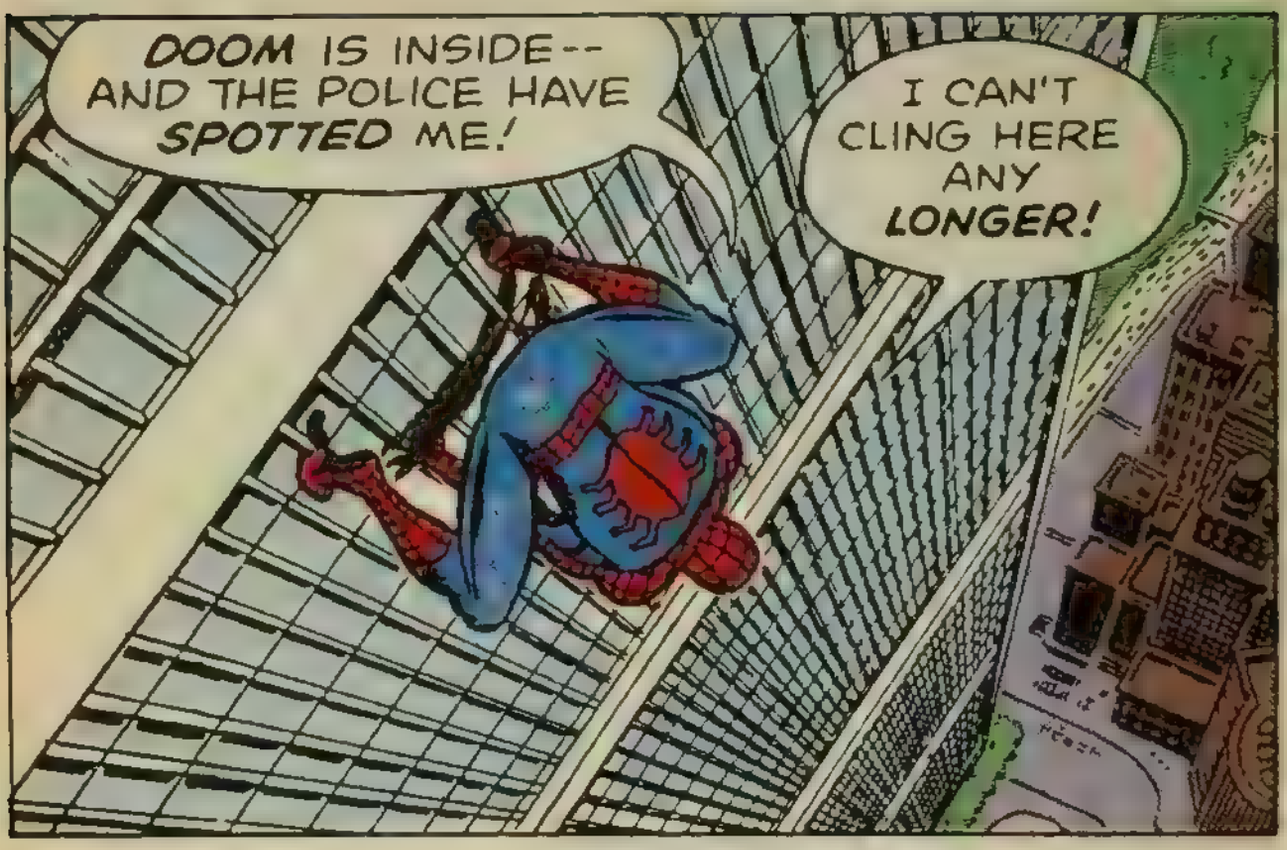
ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT, A WEARY PETER PARKER LABORS IN HIS HOMEMADE MINI-LAB, UNTIL--
THE RIGHT CONSISTENCY-- AT LAST! I'VE GOT IT!
IT'S-- THE ONLY THING-- THAT MAY STOP DR. DOOM!
IT HAS TO STOP HIM! IF-- IT DOESN'T-- IT'LL BE THE END OF-- SPIDER-MAN!
BONE WEARY, THE EXHAUSTED YOUTH TOSSES FITFULLY IN A FUTILE EFFORT TO ERASE THE HAUNTING IMAGES IN-VADING HIS FLEETING DREAMS...
TOO MUCH AT STAKE! IF DOOM SHOULD WIN-- THEN NO ONE'S SAFE!

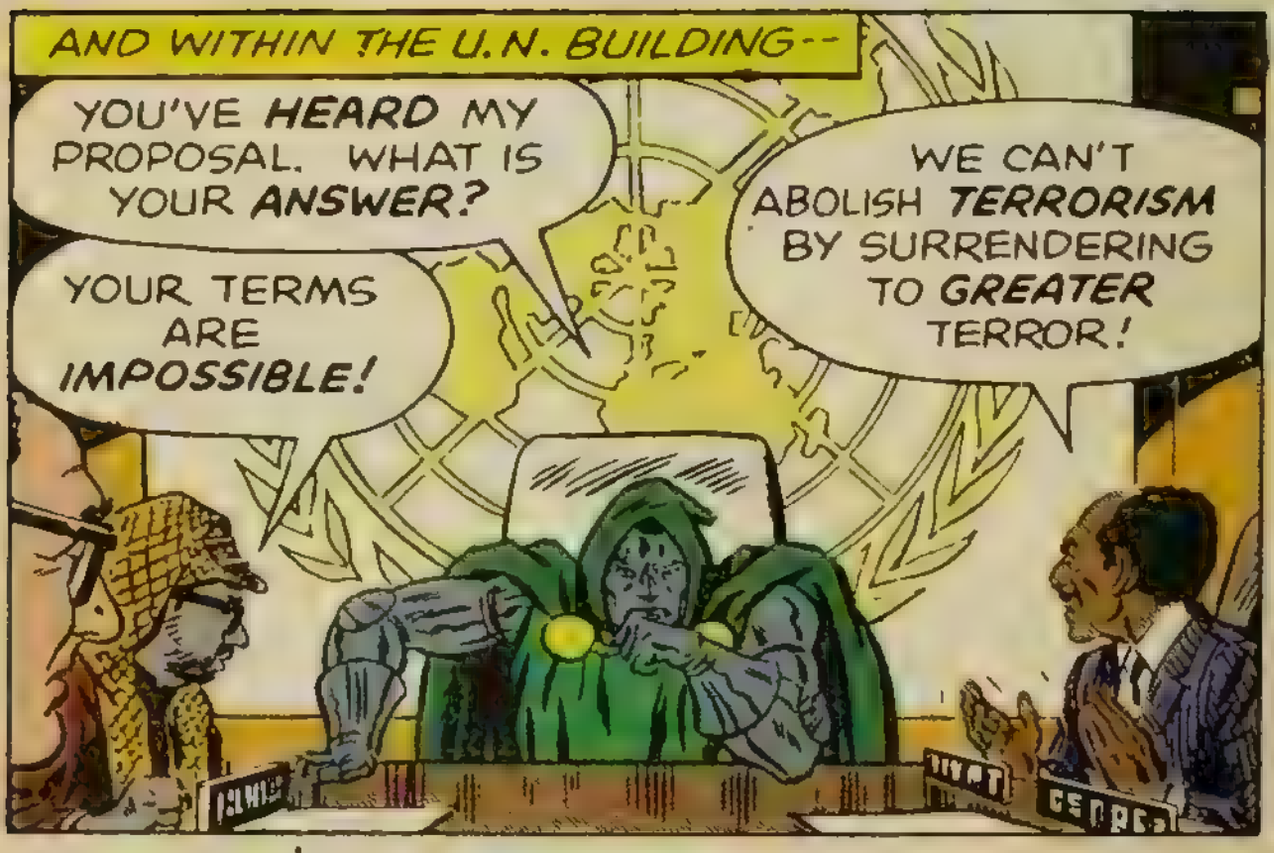
CAN A SUPERHERO HAVE HIS OWN PRIVATE NIGHTMARES? WHAT DO YOU THINK?
MUST WARN THE WORLD-- ABOUT DR. DOOM! MUST-- I MUST!
BUT EVEN A NIGHTMARE MUST FINALLY END--
RRRING!

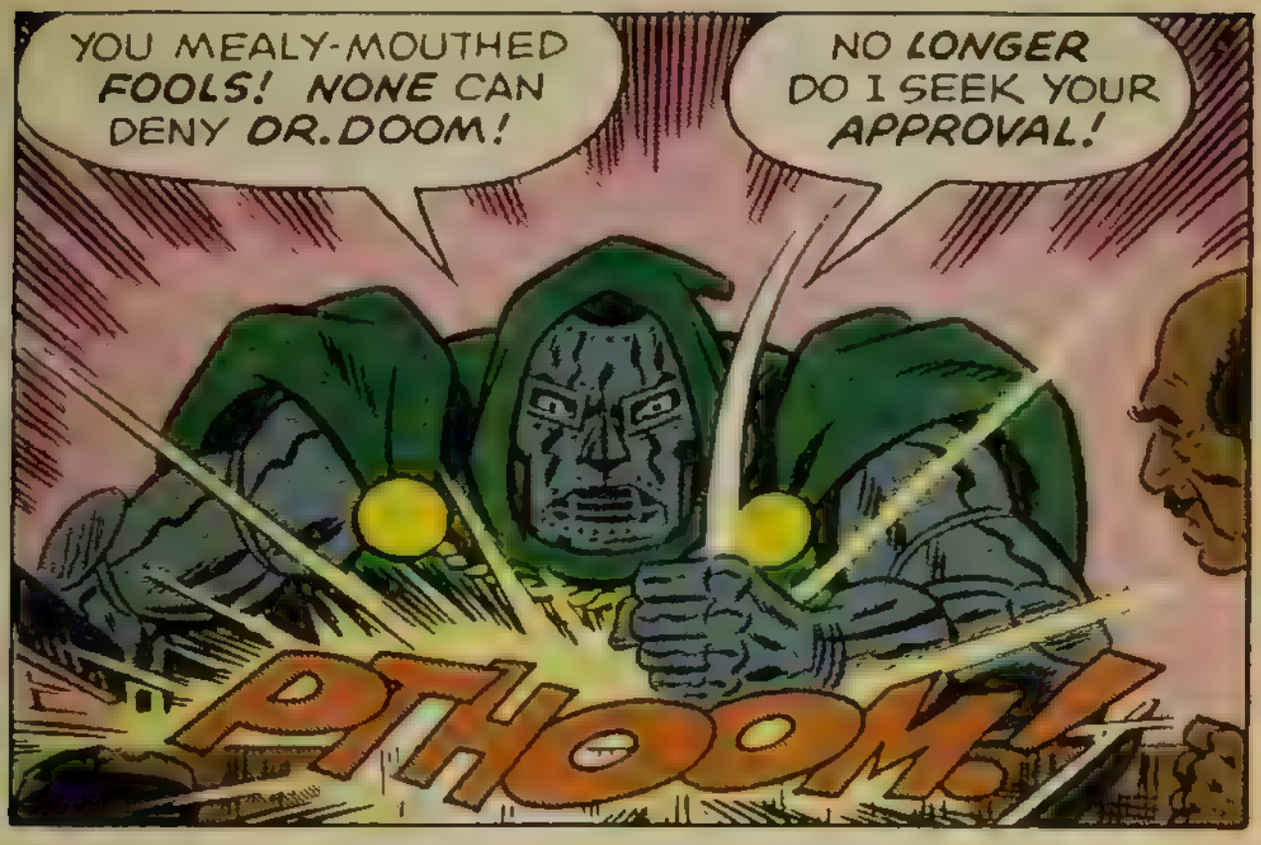
THAT DOES IT! MY WEB-FLUID'S MIXED WITH THE SPECIAL FORMULA I CONCOCTED!

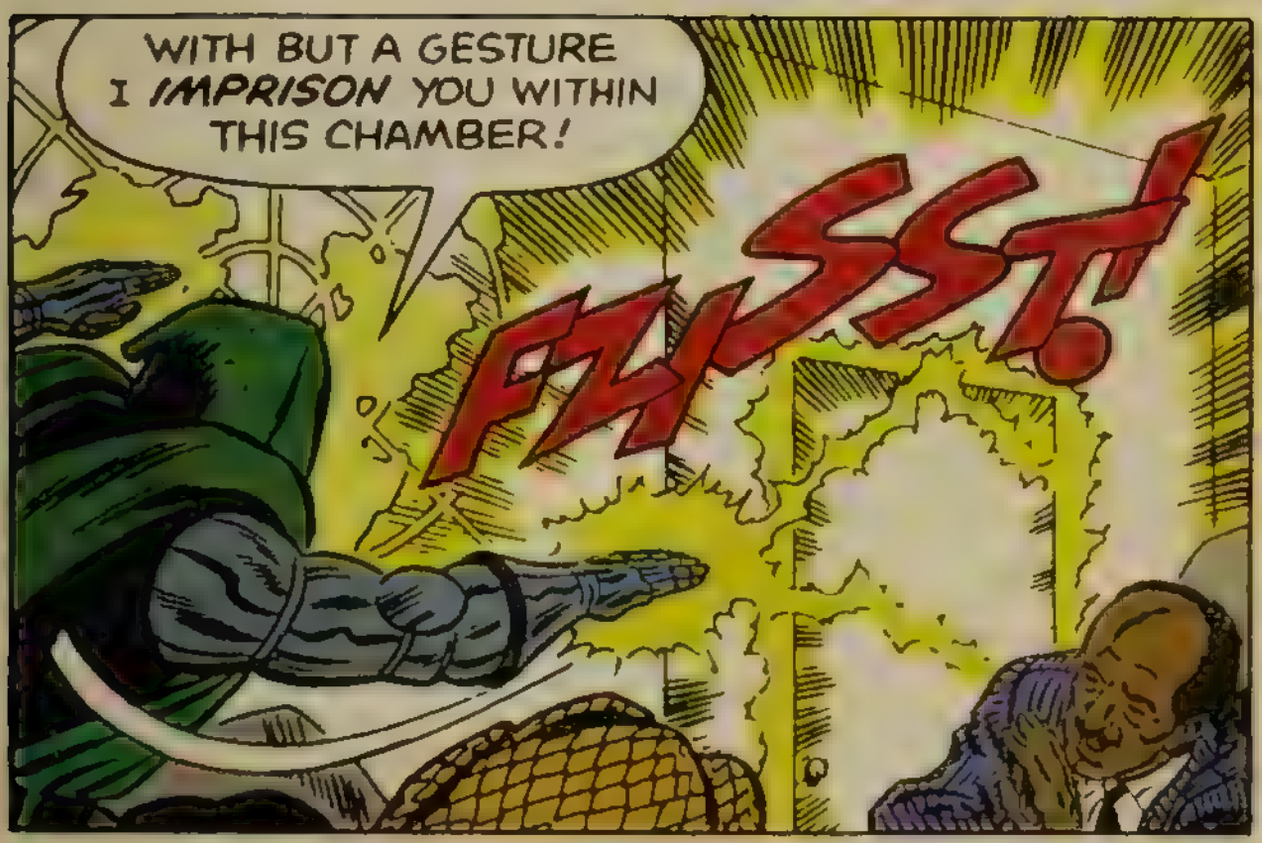
NOW, ALL I HAVE TO DO IS EVADE THE POLICE AND GET TO DOOM!
AND PRAY I CAN STOP HIM BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE-- FOR THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE!

OKAY, SPIDEY, THERE'S THE U.N.-- AND DR. DOOM IS SOMEWHERE INSIDE!
HE'S BEEN ADMITTED TO THEIR TOP-LEVEL COUNCIL, 'CAUSE HE'S A HEAD OF STATE!
BUT THEY DON'T SUSPECT HOW DANGEROUS-- HOW DEADLY HE REALLY IS!
THEY DON'T KNOW THE POWER HE CAN UNLEASH, OR--
A POLICE COPTER! CAN'T LET HIM CHASE ME-- TOO MUCH AT STAKE!

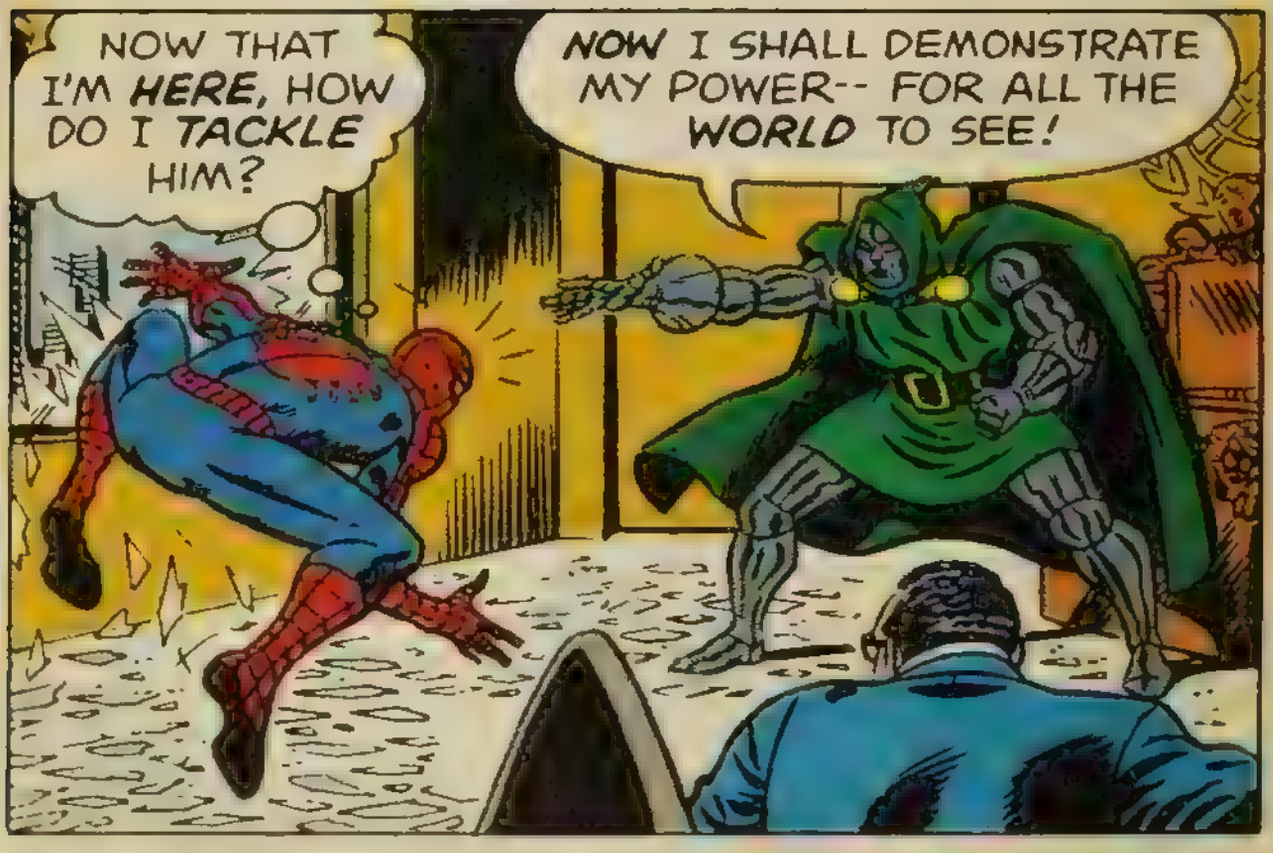

DOOM IS INSIDE-- AND THE POLICE HAVE SPOTTED ME!
I CAN'T CLING HERE ANY LONGER!

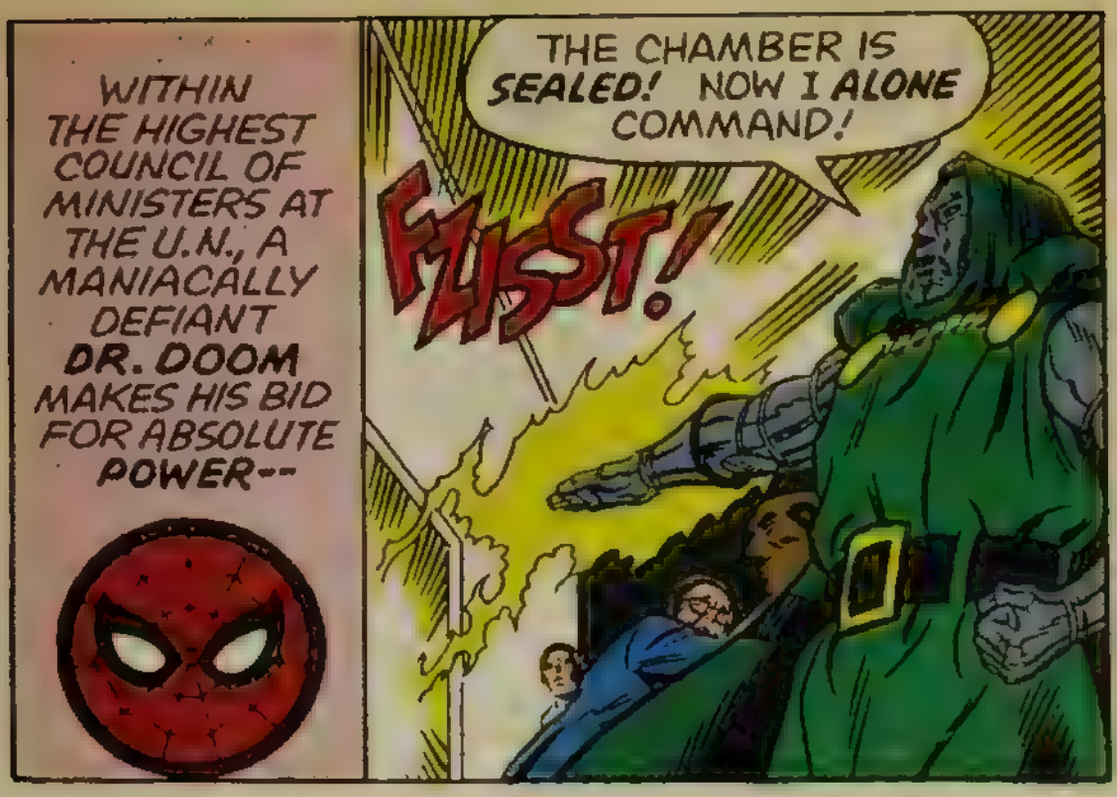

AND WITHIN THE U.N. BUILDING--
YOU'VE HEARD MY PROPOSAL. WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?
YOUR TERMS ARE IMPOSSIBLE!
WE CAN'T ABOLISH TERRORISM BY SURRENDERING TO GREATER TERROR!


YOU MEALY-MOUTHED FOOLS! NONE CAN DENY DR. DOOM!
NO LONGER DO I SEEK YOUR APPROVAL!
PTHOOM!

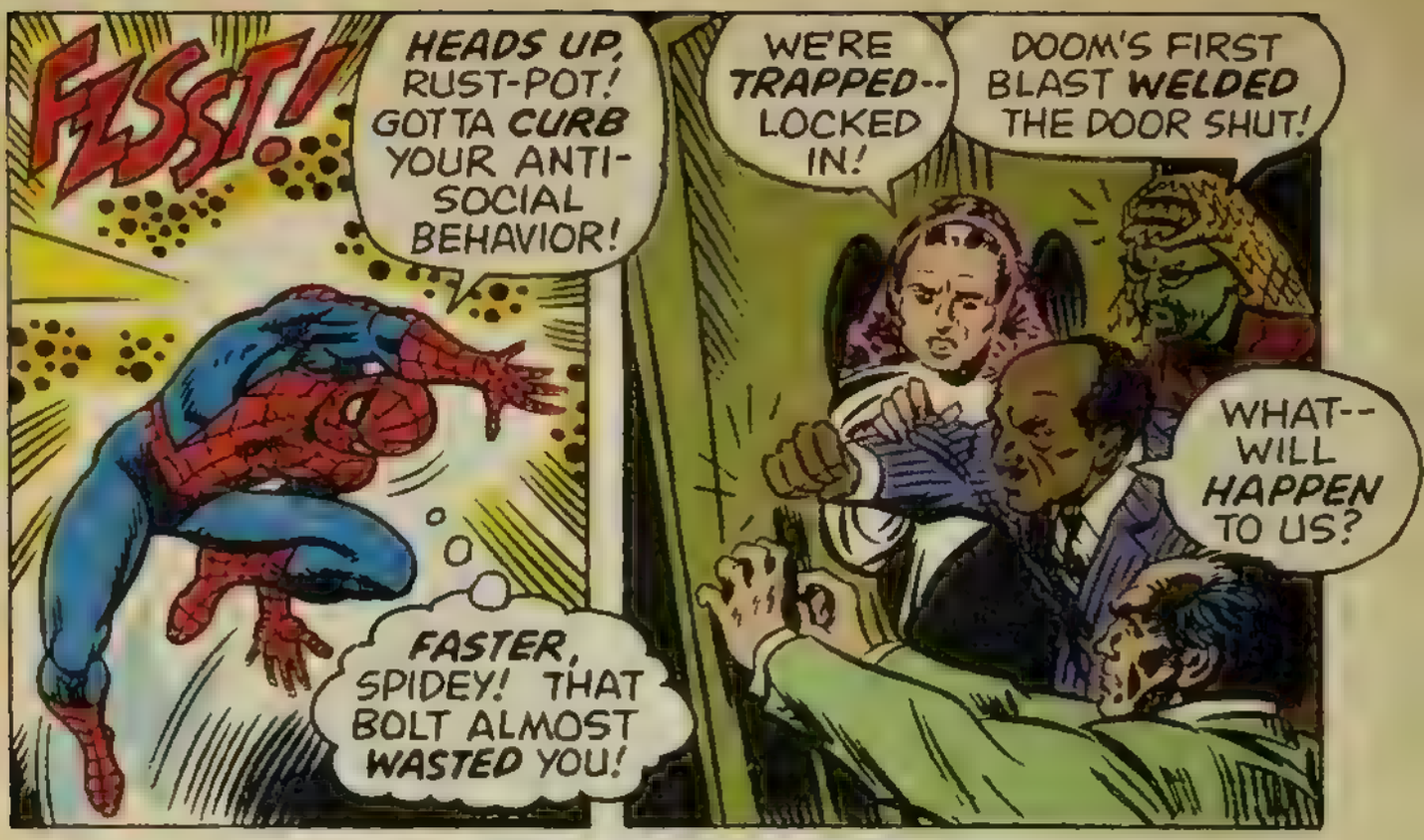

WITH BUT A GESTURE I IMPRISON YOU WITHIN THIS CHAMBER!
FZZSST!

SPTHANNG!
CAN SOMEONE ELSE JOIN THE PARTY, TIN-HEAD?
SPIDER-MAN!


NOW THAT I'M HERE, HOW DO I TACKLE HIM?
NOW I SHALL DEMONSTRATE MY POWER-- FOR ALL THE WORLD TO SEE!

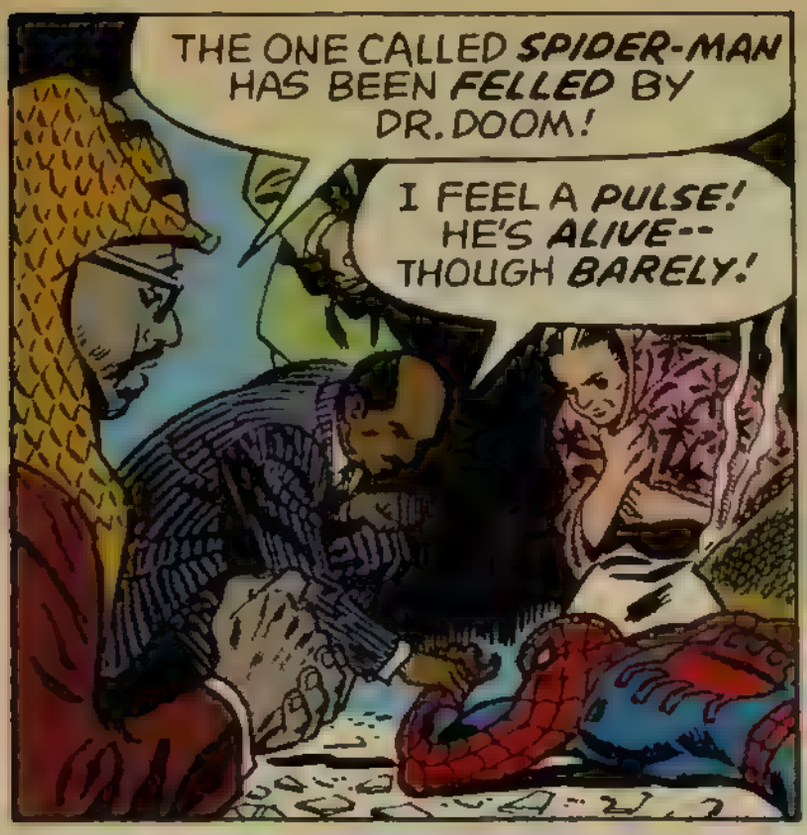

WITHIN THE HIGHEST COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AT THE U.N., A MANIACALLY DEFIANT DR. DOOM MAKES HIS BID FOR ABSOLUTE POWER--
THE CHAMBER IS SEALED! NOW I ALONE COMMAND!
FZISST!

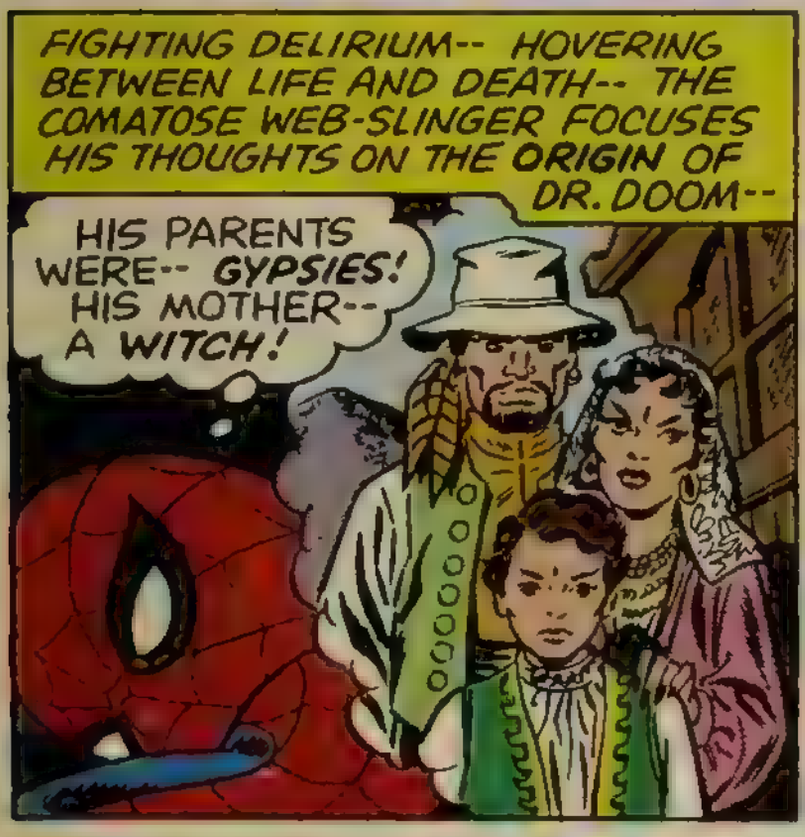
BACK, YOU SNIVELING FOOL! I, WHO SEEK MASTERY OF A PLANET, WILL CRUSH YOU AS I WOULD A BUG!
HEY, TIN-HEAD, YOU TRYIN' TO TELL ME SOMETHING?

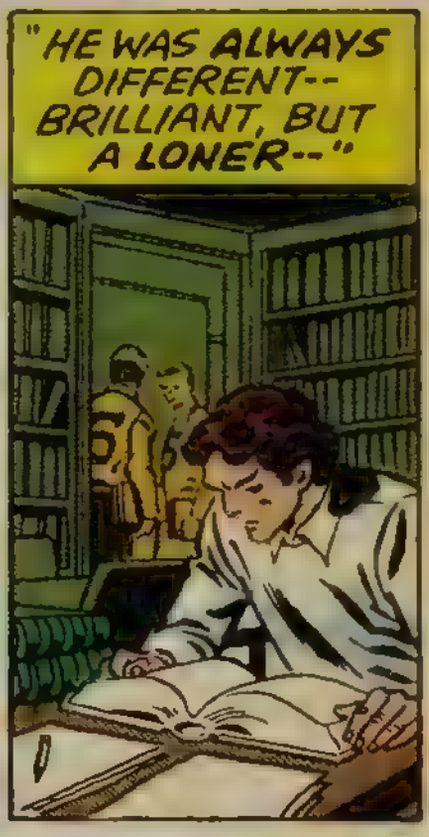

FZSST!
HEADS UP, RUST-POT! GOTTA CURB YOUR ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR!
FASTER, SPIDEY! THAT BOLT ALMOST WASTED YOU!
WE'RE TRAPPED-- LOCKED IN!
DOOM'S FIRST BLAST WELDED THE DOOR SHUT!
WHAT-- WILL HAPPEN TO US?

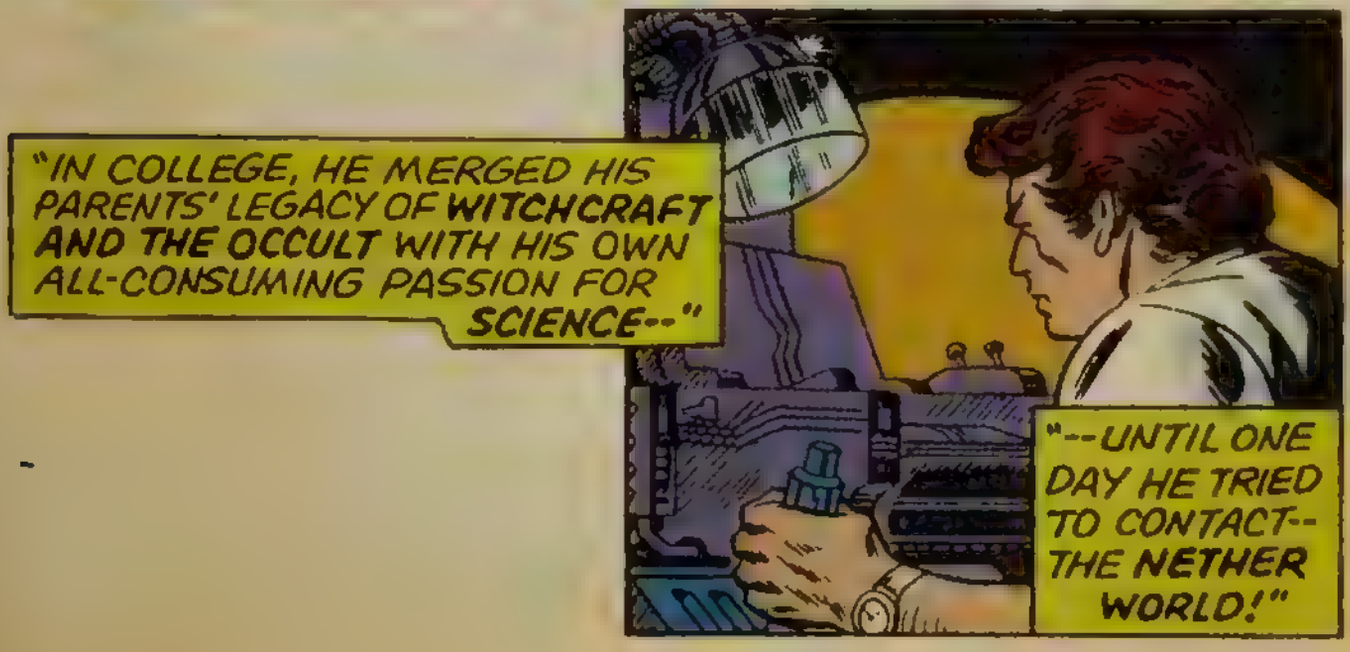
I TIRE OF THIS CHARADE! NO BUMBLING NON-ENTITY SHALL IMPEDE MY PLAN FOR WORLD DOMINATION!
FZSST!

HE-- CAUGHT ME-- HEAD ON! ONLY MY SPIDER POWER-- SAVED ME! OR, DID IT-- ?


THE ONE CALLED SPIDER-MAN HAS BEEN FELLED BY DR. DOOM!
I FEEL A PULSE! HE'S ALIVE-- THOUGH BARELY!

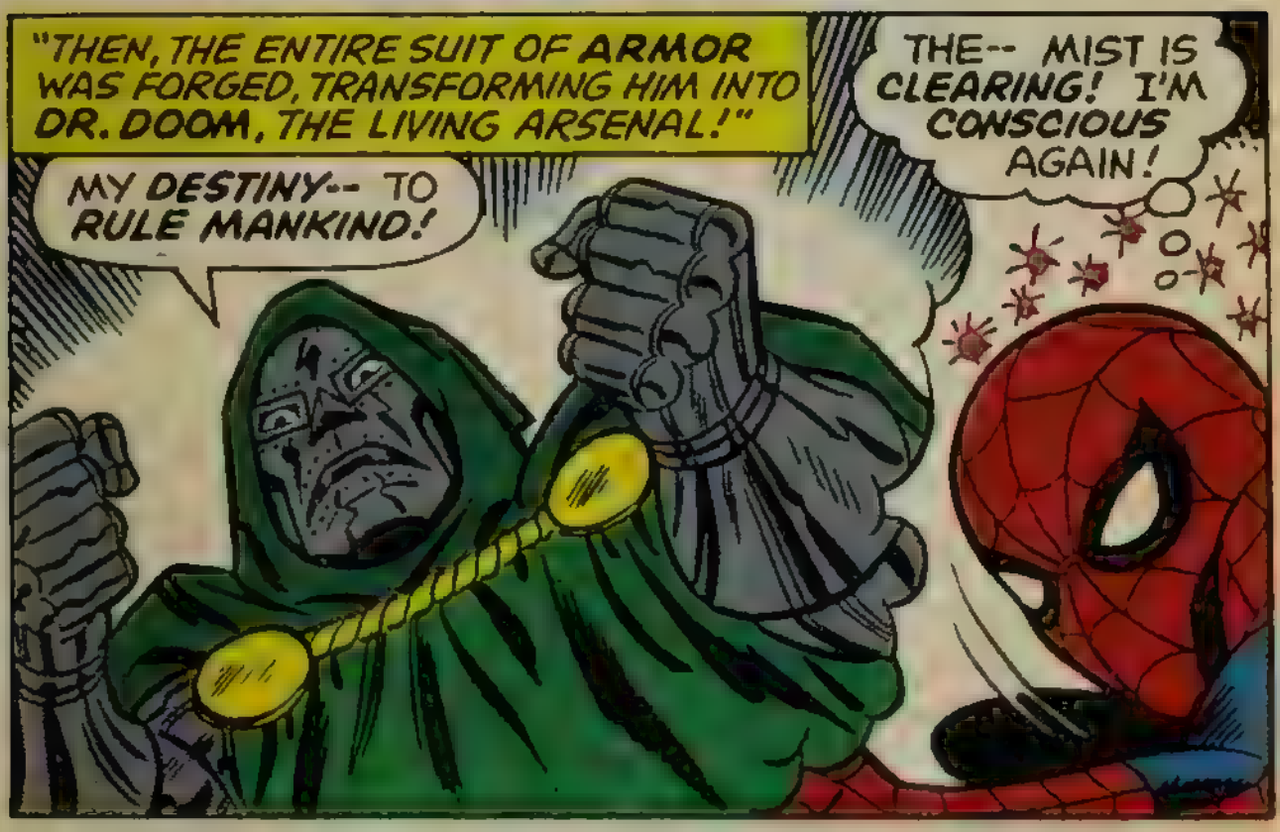

FIGHTING DELIRIUM-- HOVERING BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH-- THE COMATOSE WEB-SLINGER FOCUSES HIS THOUGHTS ON THE ORIGIN OF DR. DOOM--
HIS PARENTS WERE-- GYPSIES! HIS MOTHER-- A WITCH!

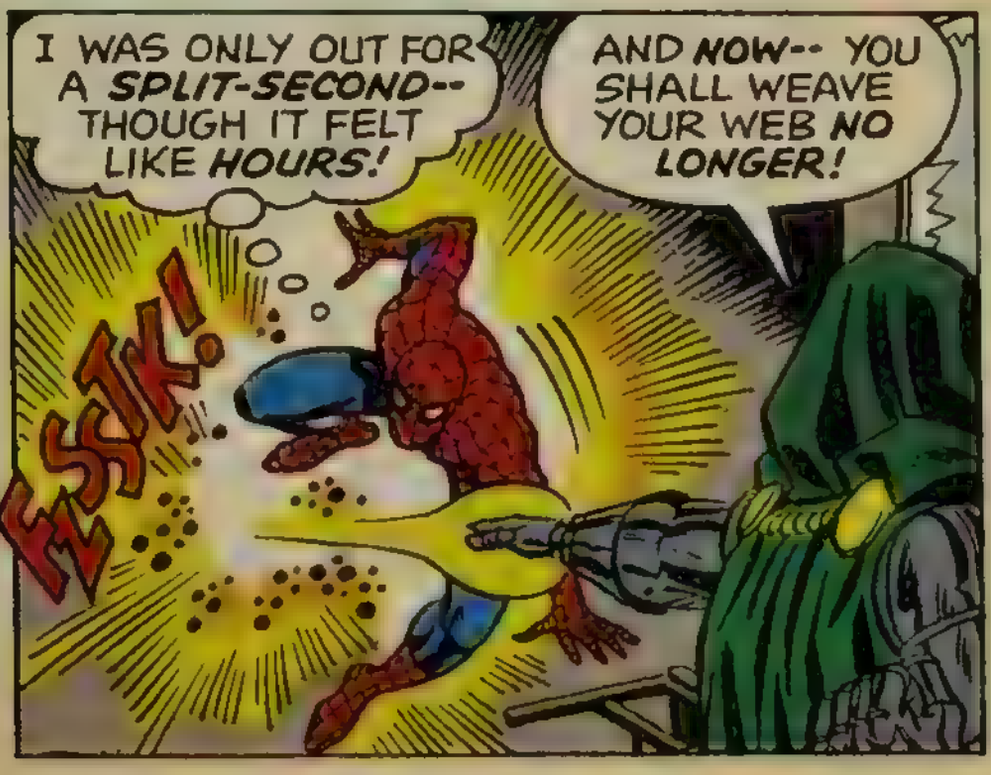

"HE WAS ALWAYS DIFFERENT-- BRILLIANT, BUT A LONER--"


"IN COLLEGE, HE MERGED HIS PARENTS' LEGACY OF WITCHCRAFT AND THE OCCULT WITH HIS OWN ALL-CONSUMING PASSION FOR SCIENCE--"
"--UNTIL ONE DAY HE TRIED TO CONTACT-- THE NETHER WORLD!"

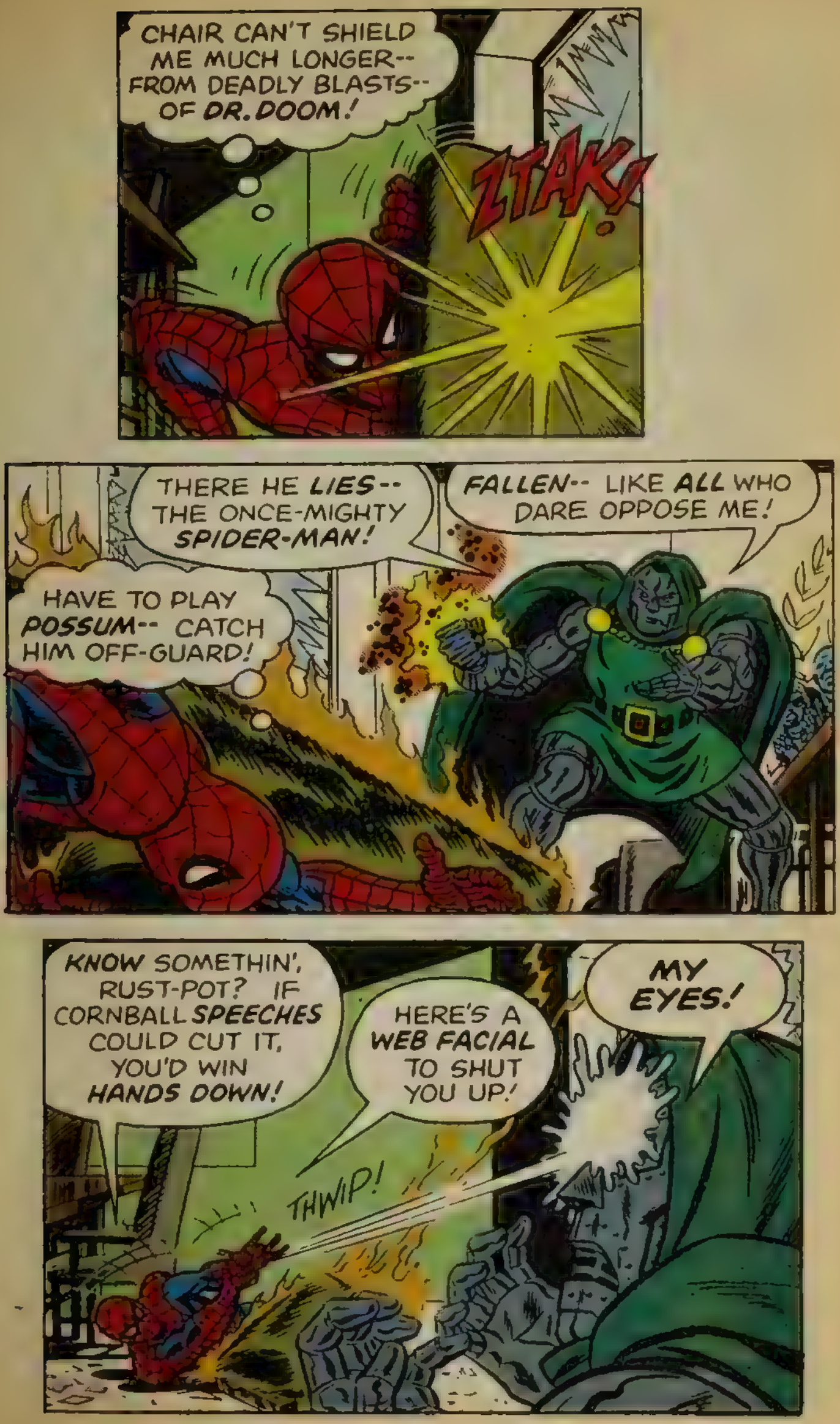
IN HIS DELIRIUM, SPIDER-MAN RECALLS THE LEGENDARY ORIGIN OF THE DEADLY DR. DOOM--
THE FOOLS TRIED TO PREVENT MY EXPERIMENT--
BUT THEY CANNOT STOP ME FROM CONTACTING THE FORCES OF THE NETHER WORLD! SOON I SHALL--
ARGHH!
"HOPELESSLY DISFIGURED BY THE ACCIDENT, VICTOR VON DOOM NEXT SUFFERED THE SHAME OF EXPULSION--"
YOU TAMPERED WITH THE DARKEST FORCES OF NATURE!
YOU COULD HAVE KILLED US ALL!
"BITTER, VENGEFUL, HE TRAVERSED THE GLOBE, UNTIL A SECRET ORDER OF TIBETAN MONKS FASHIONED HIM A FATEFUL IRON MASK--"
NOW-- COME YOU FORWARD!

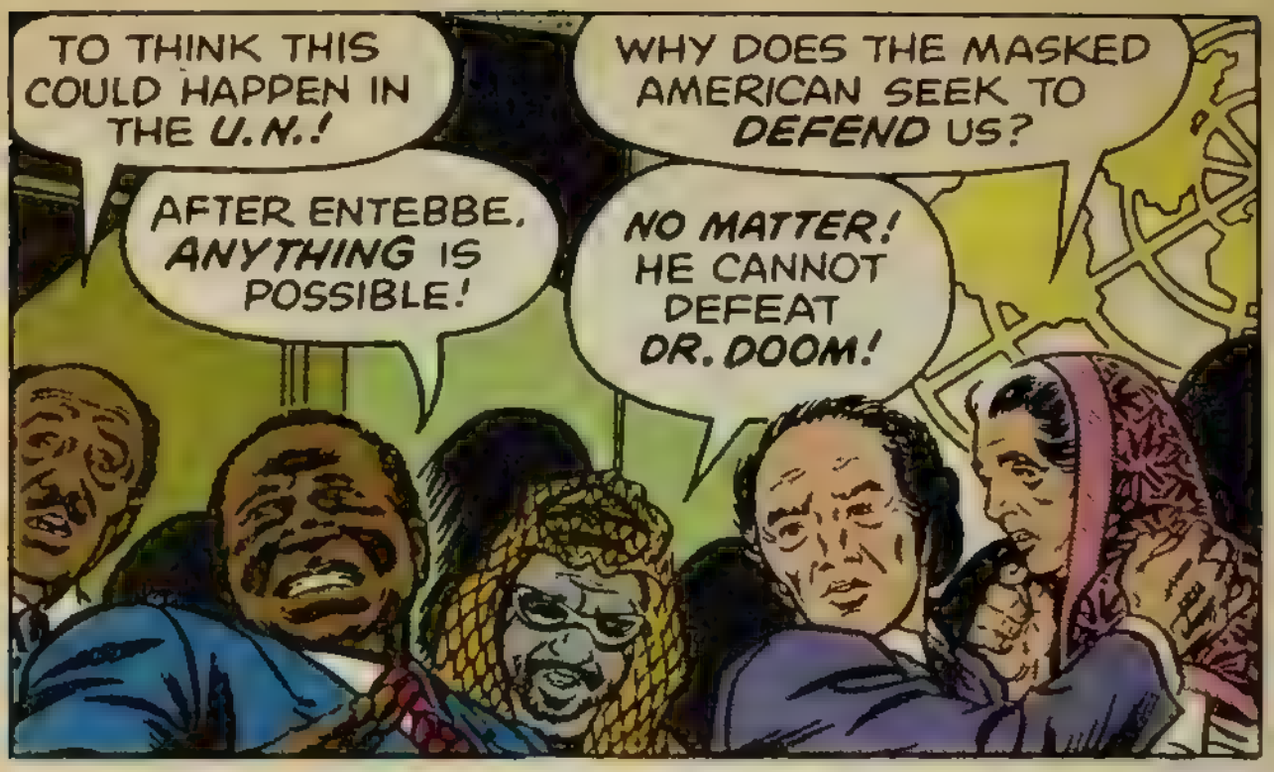
"FIRST CAME THE AWESOME HEAD MASK--

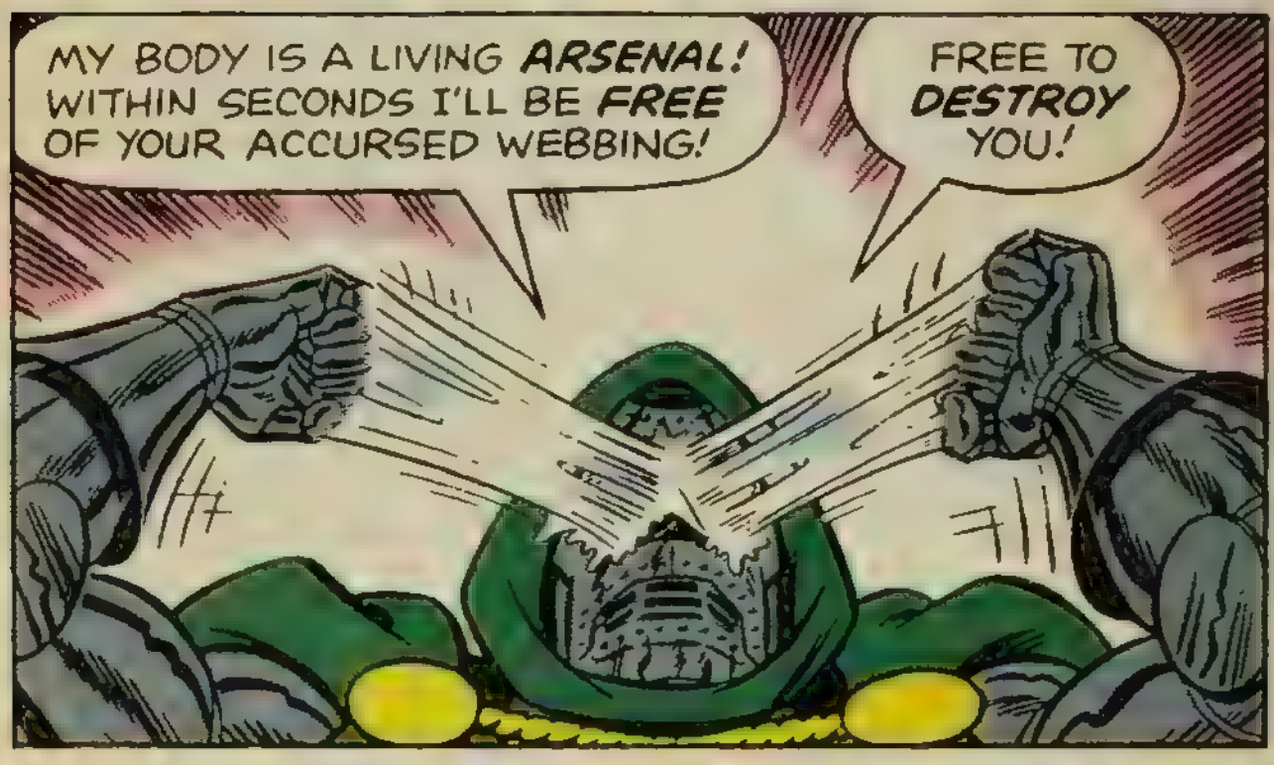

"THEN, THE ENTIRE SUIT OF ARMOR WAS FORGED, TRANSFORMING HIM INTO DR. DOOM, THE LIVING ARSENAL!"
MY DESTINY-- TO RULE MANKIND!
THE-- MIST IS CLEARING! I'M CONSCIOUS AGAIN!

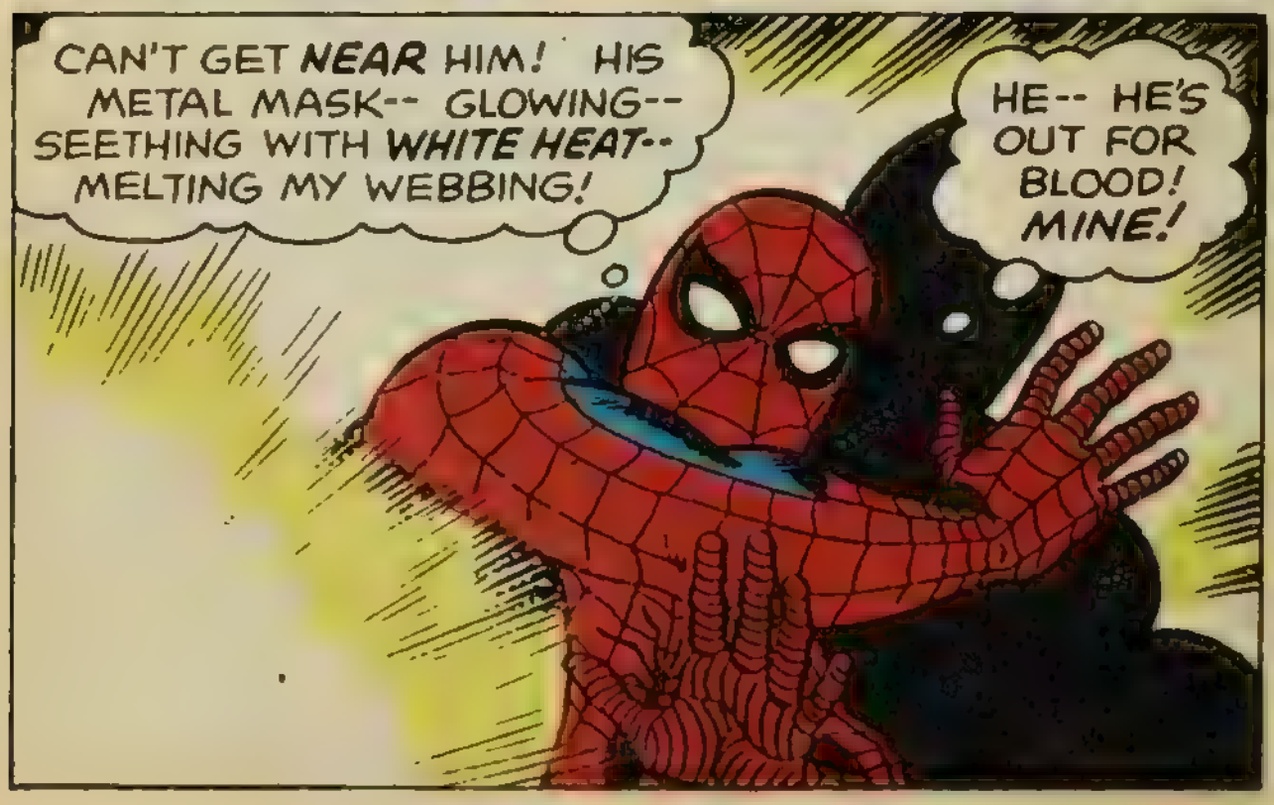

I WAS ONLY OUT FOR A SPLIT-SECOND-- THOUGH IT FELT LIKE HOURS!
AND NOW-- YOU SHALL WEAVE YOUR WEB NO LONGER!
FSSJK!

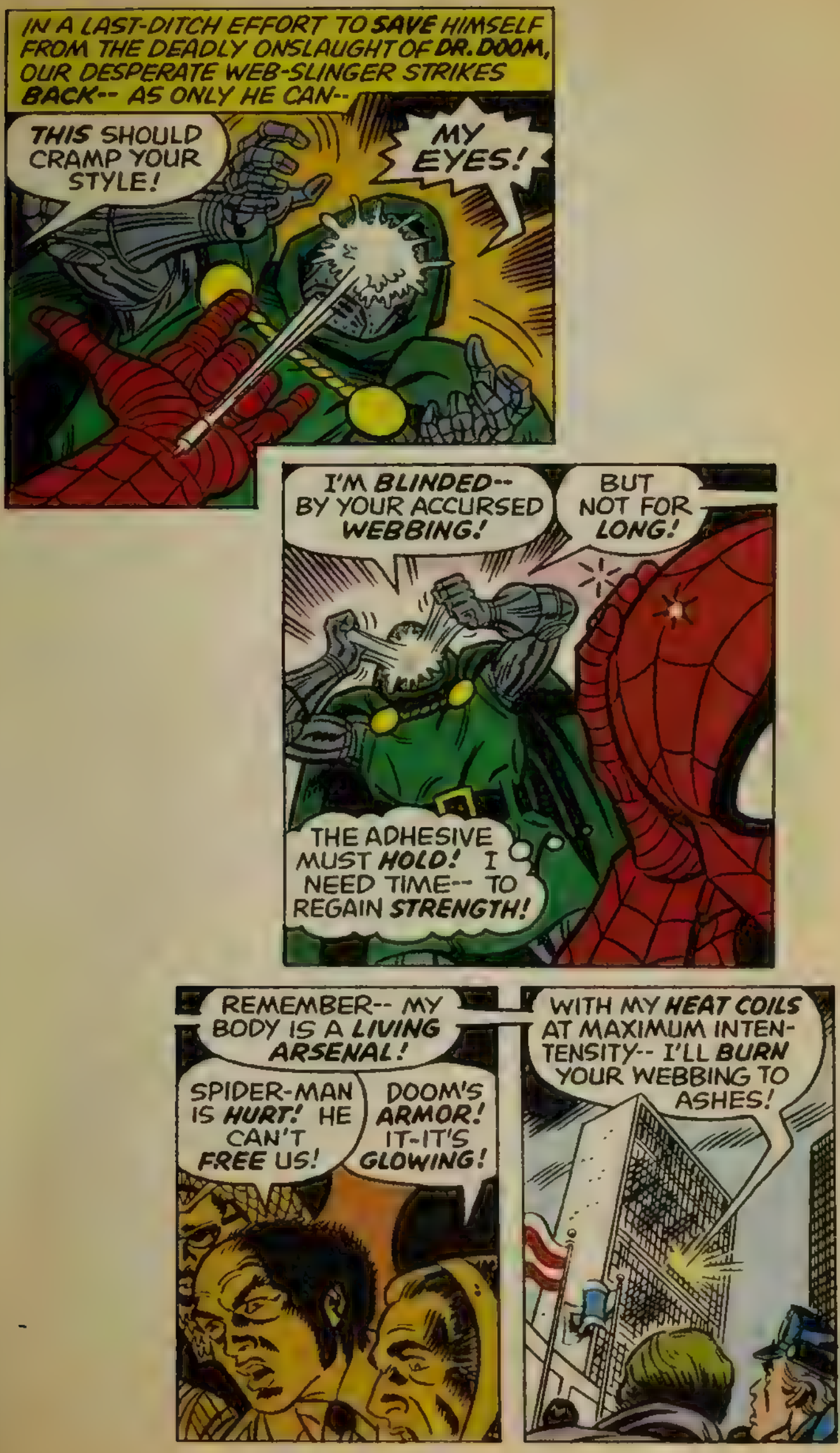
FOOL! YOU EXPECT A MERE CHAIR TO SHIELD YOU FROM THE ONSLAUGHT OF DR. DOOM?
THE THOUGHT DID KINDA CROSS MY MIND!
LTAKK!
NO CHANCE TO UNLEASH MY WEBS! HE'S TOO STRONG-- TOO FAST!
LEVITY IS THE LAST REFUGE OF THE VANQUISHED!
YOU CAN'T FLEE FOREVER!
ZISSKT
ONLY THE CHAIR-- BETWEEN ME AND-- DOOM'S DEATH BLAST!

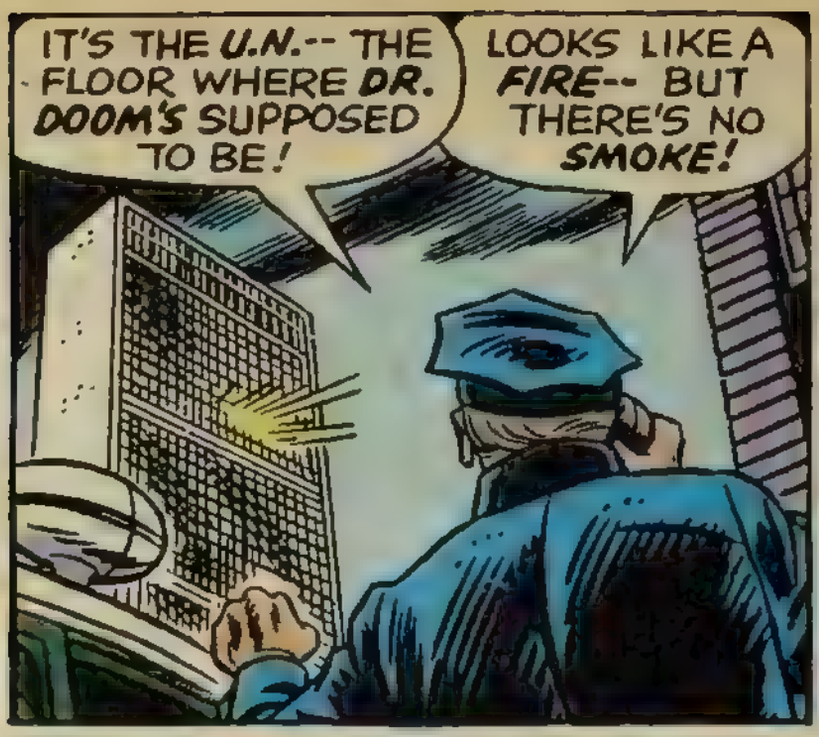

CHAIR CAN'T SHIELD ME MUCH LONGER-- FROM DEADLY BLASTS-- OF DR. DOOM!
ZTAK!
THERE HE LIES-- THE ONCE-MIGHTY SPIDER-MAN!
FALLEN-- LIKE ALL WHO DARE OPPOSE ME!
HAVE TO PLAY POSSUM-- CATCH HIM OFF-GUARD!
KNOW SOMETHIN', RUST-POT? IF CORNBALL SPEECHES COULD CUT IT, YOU'D WIN HANDS DOWN!
HERE'S A WEB FACIAL TO SHUT YOU UP!
MY EYES!
THWIP!


TO THINK THIS COULD HAPPEN IN THE U.N.!
AFTER ENTEBBE, ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!
WHY DOES THE MASKED AMERICAN SEEK TO DEFEND US?
NO MATTER! HE CANNOT DEFEAT DR. DOOM!


MY BODY IS A LIVING ARSENAL! WITHIN SECONDS I'LL BE FREE OF YOUR ACCURSED WEBBING!
FREE TO DESTROY YOU!


CAN'T GET NEAR HIM! HIS METAL MASK-- GLOWING-- SEETHING WITH WHITE HEAT-- MELTING MY WEBBING!
HE-- HE'S OUT FOR BLOOD! MINE!

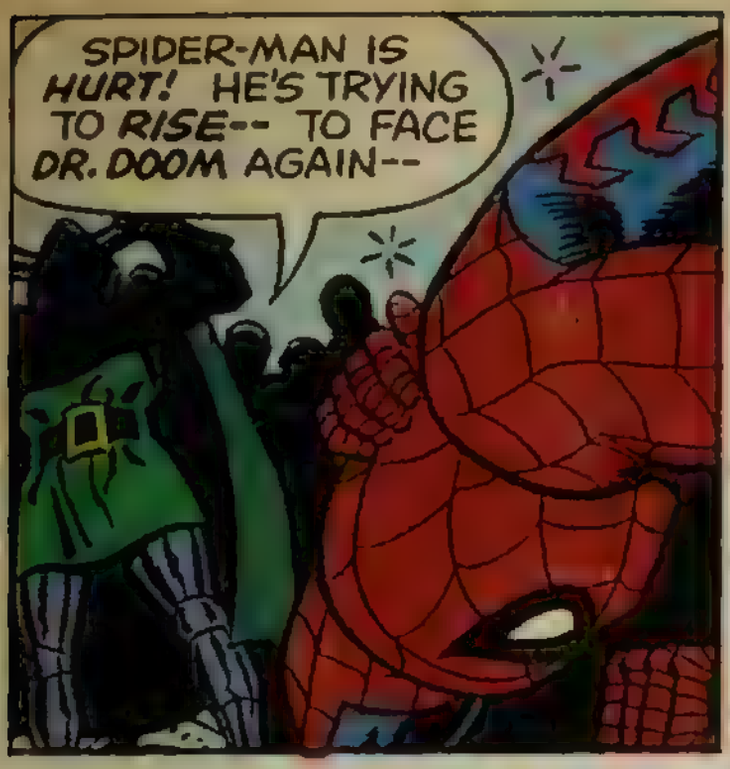

IN A LAST-DITCH EFFORT TO SAVE HIMSELF FROM THE DEADLY ONSLAUGHT OF DR. DOOM, OUR DESPERATE WEB-SLINGER STRIKES BACK-- AS ONLY HE CAN--
THIS SHOULD CRAMP YOUR STYLE!
MY EYES!
I'M BLINDED-- BY YOUR ACCURSED WEBBING!
BUT NOT FOR LONG!
THE ADHESIVE MUST HOLD! I NEED TIME-- TO REGAIN STRENGTH!
REMEMBER-- MY BODY IS A LIVING ARSENAL!
SPIDER-MAN IS HURT! HE CAN'T FREE US!
DOOM'S ARMOR! IT-IT'S GLOWING!
WITH MY HEAT COILS AT MAXIMUM INTENSITY-- I'LL BURN YOUR WEBBING TO ASHES!


IT'S THE U.N.-- THE FLOOR WHERE DR. DOOM'S SUPPOSED TO BE!
LOOKS LIKE A FIRE-- BUT THERE'S NO SMOKE!

MR. JAMESON! THERE'S A STRANGE GLOW IN THE CHAMBER WHERE DOOM IS ADDRESSING THE DELEGATES!
GLOW, SHMOW! WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THERE?

THE SOONER DOOM GETS WHAT HE'S AFTER, THE SOONER HE'LL CRUSH THAT BLASTED WALL-CRAWLER!

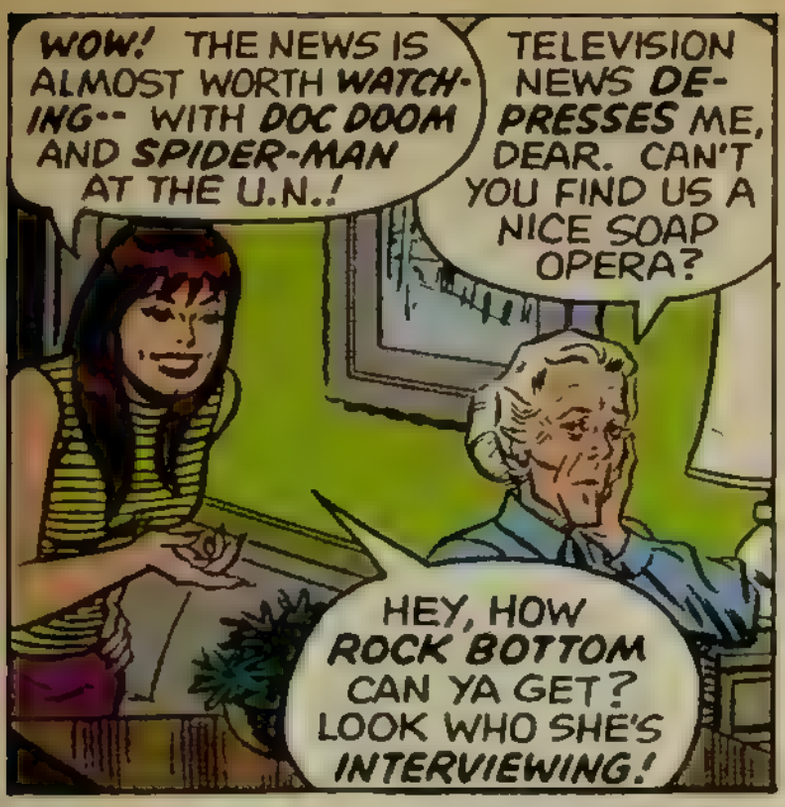
WITHIN SECONDS, WHEN MY HEATING COILS REACH FULL INTENSITY, YOUR ACCURSED WEBBING WILL BE JUST A SMOLDERING CINDER!
THEN, SHALL DR. DOOM DESTROY SPIDER-MAN!

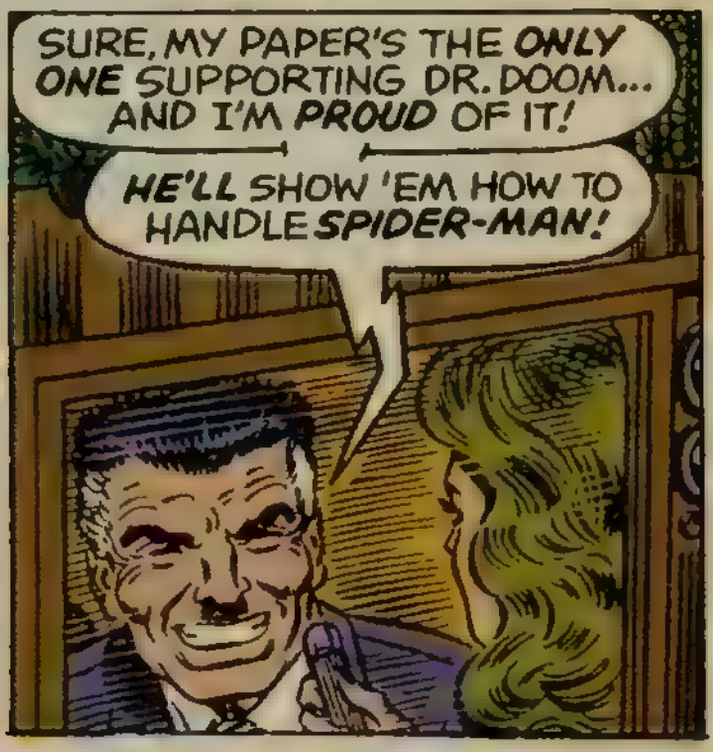

SPIDER-MAN IS HURT! HE'S TRYING TO RISE-- TO FACE DR. DOOM AGAIN--

BUT HE CAN'T!

THAT MEANS WE'RE STILL DOOM'S PRISONERS!
AND ONCE HE'S FREE OF SPIDER-MAN'S WEBBING-- NO ONE WILL BE SAFE!

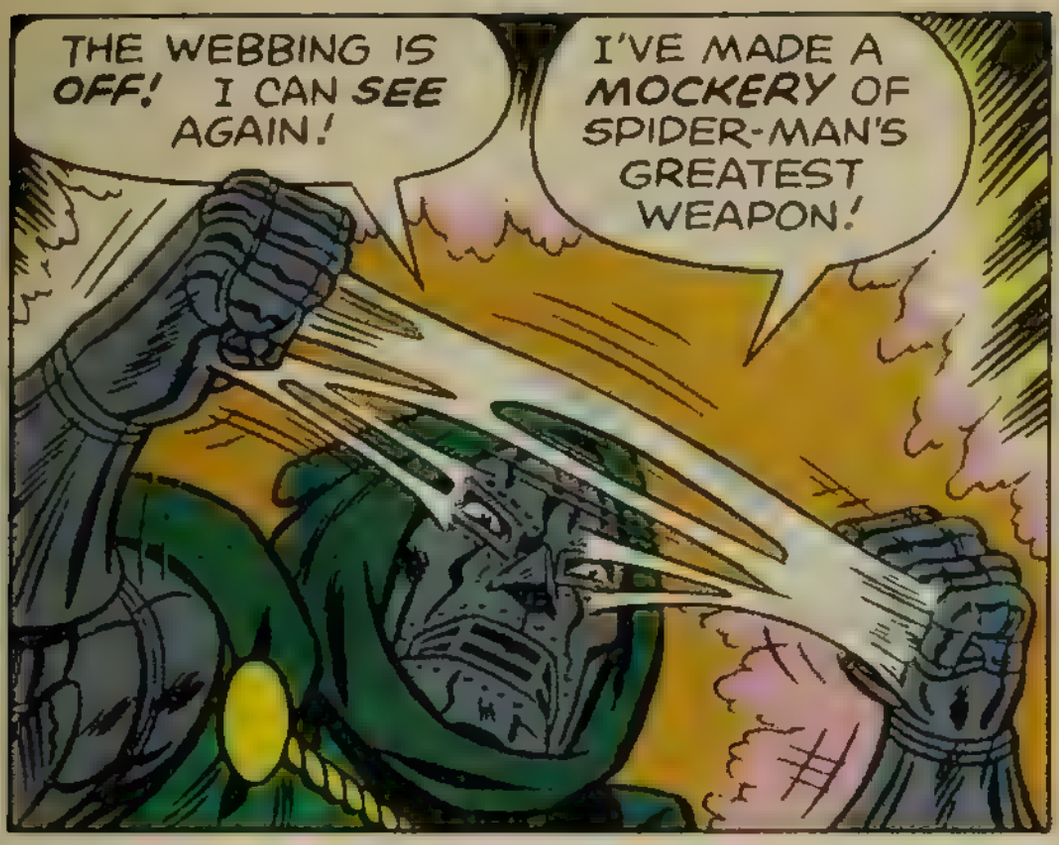
AT THE UNITED NATIONS, A STRANGE GLOW IS VISIBLE FROM THE CHAMBER WHERE DR. DOOM IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK!
ACCORDING TO REPORTS, THE DOOR HAS BEEN MYSTERIOUSLY SEALED, AND GUARDS ARE UNABLE TO ENTER THE ROOM!
SPIDER-MAN, LAST SEEN IN THE VICINITY, IS BELIEVED TO BE SOMEHOW INVOLVED--
THAT DREADFUL CREATURE! NO ONE IS SAFE ON THE STREETS NOWADAYS!
I HOPE PETER ISN'T THERE!
HEY, MRS. PARKER-- THE WORST DANGER PETEY FACES IS NIPPING HIS FINGER WHEN HE CLICKS HIS CAMERA!
THOUGH I MUST ADMIT-- I'M MAAD ABOUT THE LAD!


WOW! THE NEWS IS ALMOST WORTH WATCHING-- WITH DOC DOOM AND SPIDER-MAN AT THE U.N.!
TELEVISION NEWS DEPRESSES ME, DEAR. CAN'T YOU FIND US A NICE SOAP OPERA?
HEY, HOW ROCK BOTTOM CAN YA GET? LOOK WHO SHE'S INTERVIEWING!

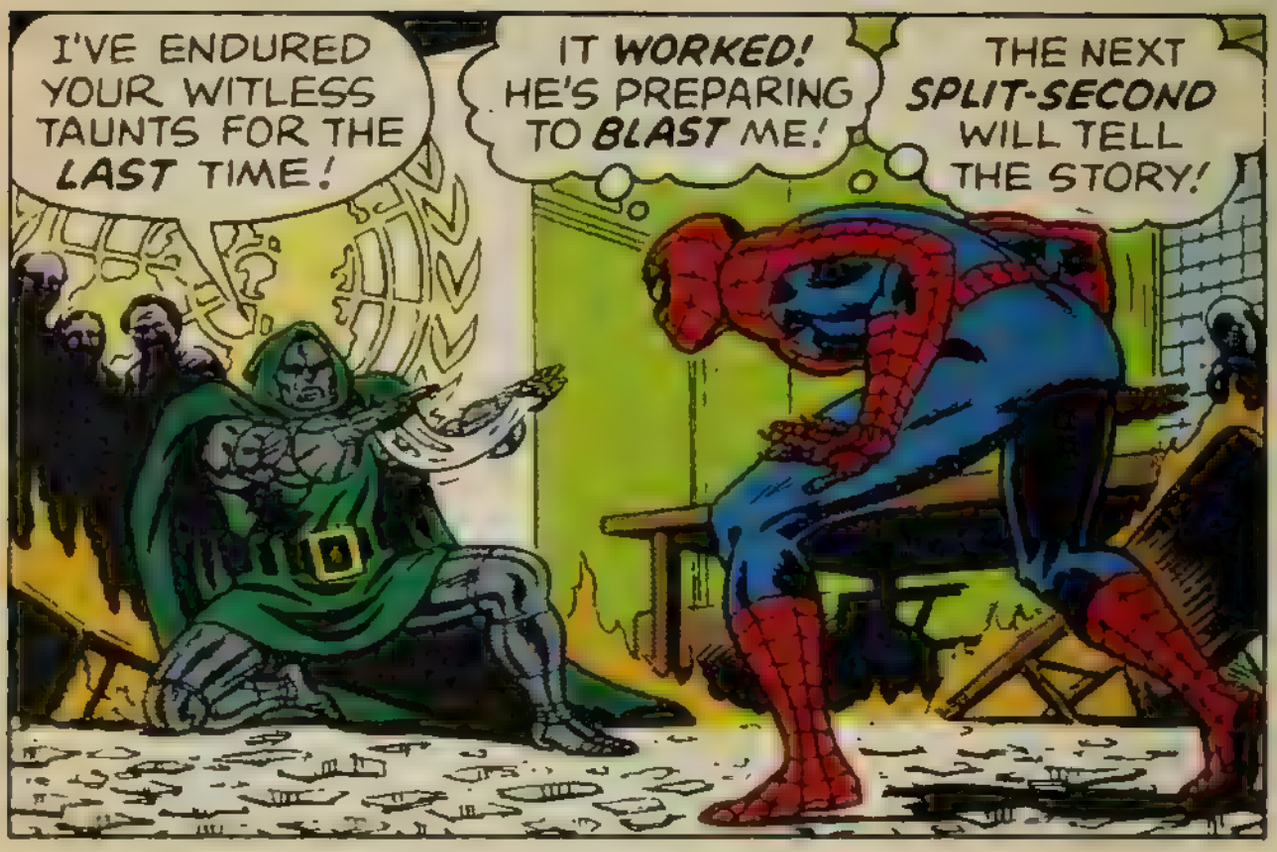

SURE, MY PAPER'S THE ONLY ONE SUPPORTING DR. DOOM... AND I'M PROUD OF IT!
HE'LL SHOW 'EM HOW TO HANDLE SPIDER-MAN!

WHILE, INSIDE THE U.N. ONCE MORE...
BY LOSING CONSCIOUSNESS-- I BLEW IT! DOOM'S HAD TIME-- TO FREE HIMSELF-- OF MY WEBBING!
AND NOW, SPIDER-MAN-- WE PLAY OUR FINAL SCENE!

BREATHLESSLY, THE WORLD WATCHES EVENTS AT THE U.N.--
DR. DOOM AND SPIDER-MAN ARE FIGHTING TO THE DEATH!
MY HEAD! NEED A FEW SECONDS MORE-- TO GET MY STRENGTH BACK...
BUT-- MY TIME'S RUN OUT!
DR. DOOM HAS TRIUMPHED OVER YOUR WEBBING! I CAN SEE!
I'M FREE ONCE AGAIN TO DEAL WITH-- SPIDER-MAN!

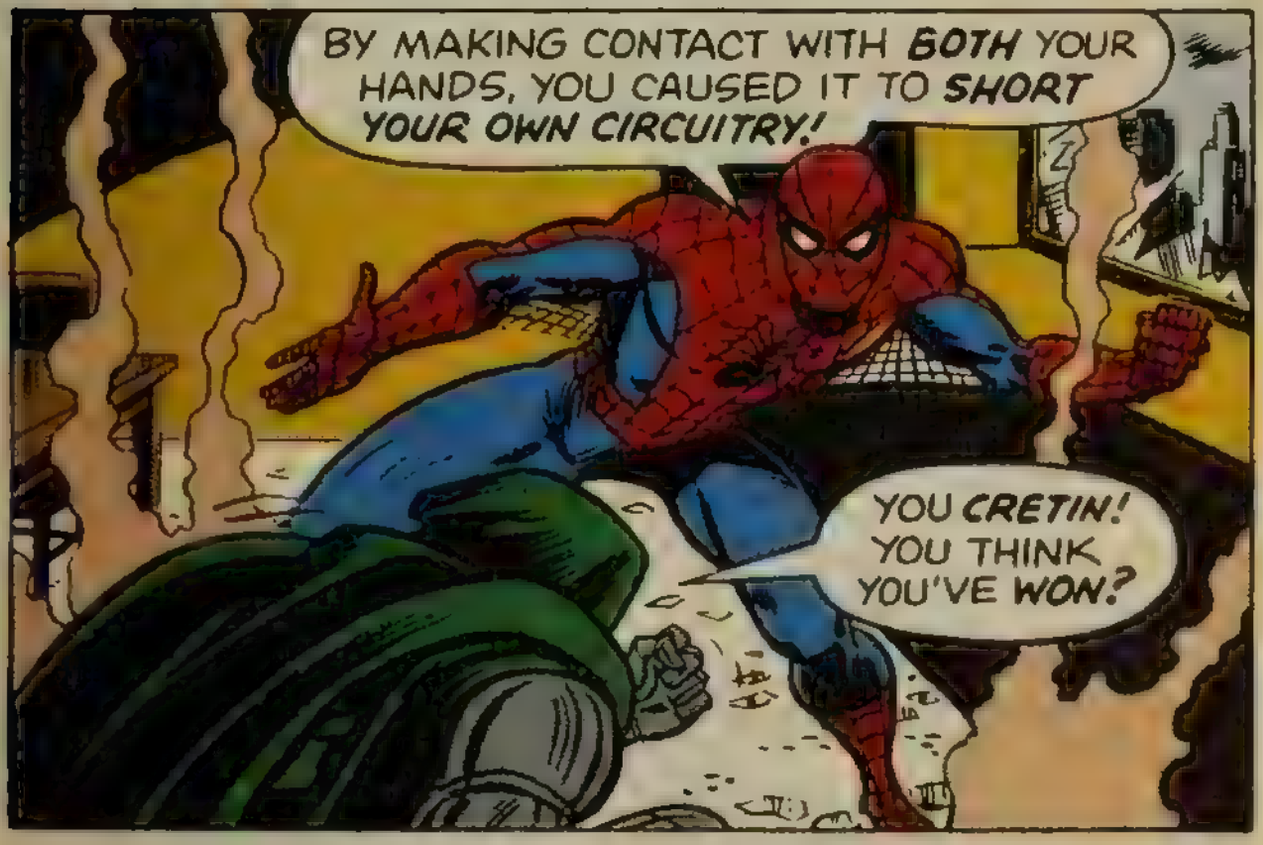

THE WEBBING IS OFF! I CAN SEE AGAIN!
I'VE MADE A MOCKERY OF SPIDER-MAN'S GREATEST WEAPON!

DON'T BET ON IT, CHARLIE!
WE SPIDER-MEN ARE TRICKY LITTLE RASCALS!
PTHANG!

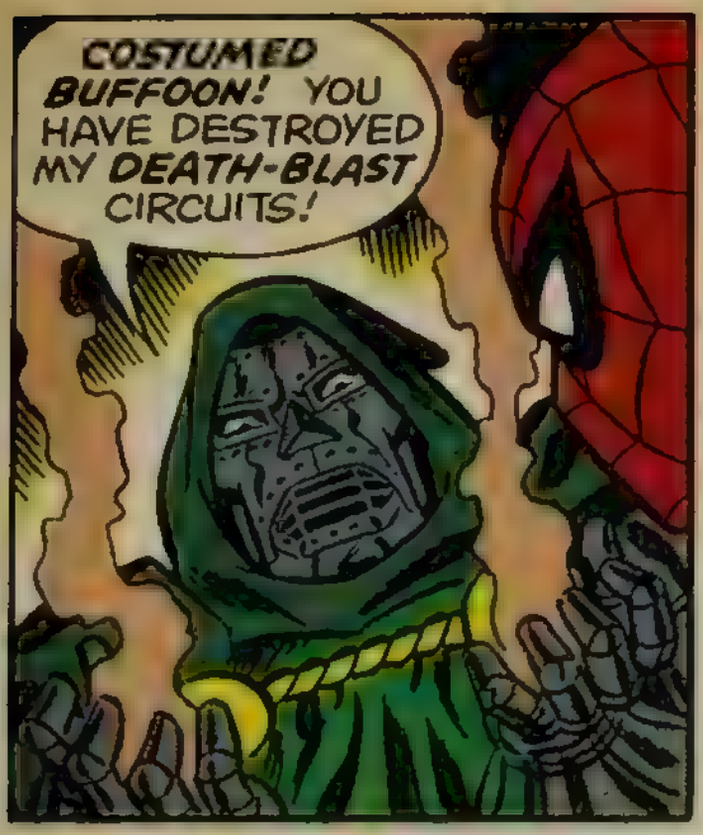

I'VE ENDURED YOUR WITLESS TAUNTS FOR THE LAST TIME!
IT WORKED! HE'S PREPARING TO BLAST ME!
THE NEXT SPLIT-SECOND WILL TELL THE STORY!

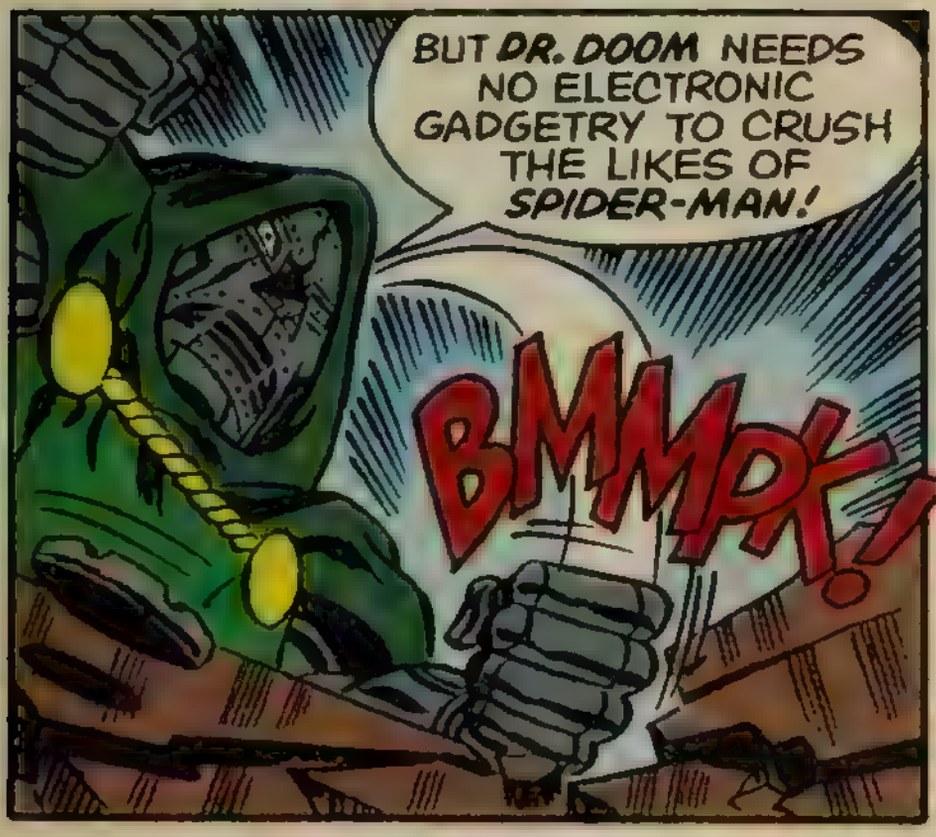
FIRST, YOU SHALL FALL! THEN, ALL THE WORLD WILL COWER IN-- WHA-- ?!
ZKAZ-THAK!

ARGHH!
THANKS, DOC! I HAD TO GET YOU TO USE YOUR BLASTERS--
--SO THEY'D ACTIVATE MY SPECIALLY TREATED WEB-FLUID!


BY MAKING CONTACT WITH BOTH YOUR HANDS, YOU CAUSED IT TO SHORT YOUR OWN CIRCUITRY!
YOU CRETIN! YOU THINK YOU'VE WON?

BATTLING DR. DOOM IN A FIGHT TO THE FINISH, SPIDEY GOADS THE MYSTERIOUS MONARCH INTO USING HIS MOST POTENT WEAPON--
YOUR ACCURSED WEBBING CAN'T STOP ME NOW!
THE BLASTER, DOOM! USE YOUR BLASTER!
HE'S DOING IT! HE'S ABOUT TO ZAP ME WITH AN ELECTRONIC BOLT-- NOW!
ARGHH!
YOU FELL FOR IT, TIN MAN! MY WEB-FLUID MADE YOU SHORT-CIRCUIT YOURSELF!
CRETIN! GLOAT WHILE YOU MAY! YOU'LL PAY WITH YOUR LIFE!


COSTUMED BUFFOON! YOU HAVE DESTROYED MY DEATH-BLAST CIRCUITS!

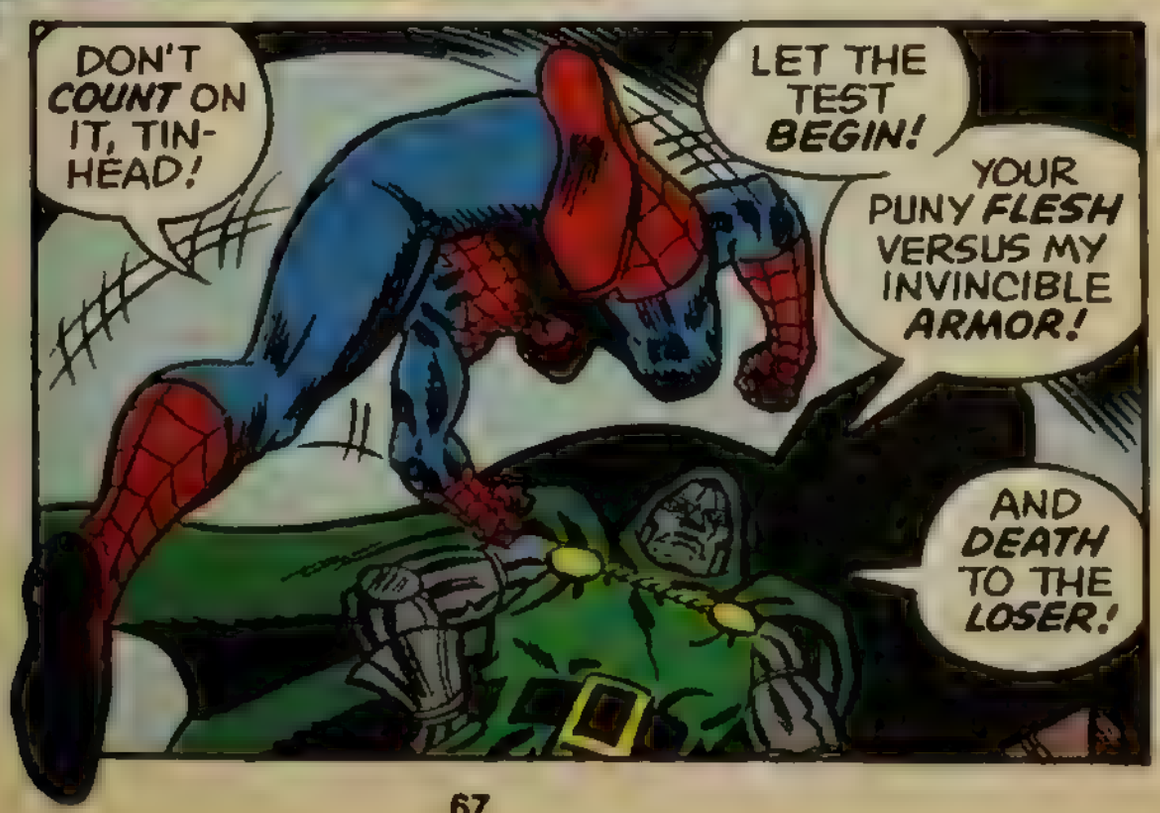

BUT DR. DOOM NEEDS NO ELECTRONIC GADGETRY TO CRUSH THE LIKES OF SPIDER-MAN!
BMMPK!

HE'S GONNA TACKLE ME BARE-HANDED! BUT-- HOW DO I HANDLE HIS ARMOR?

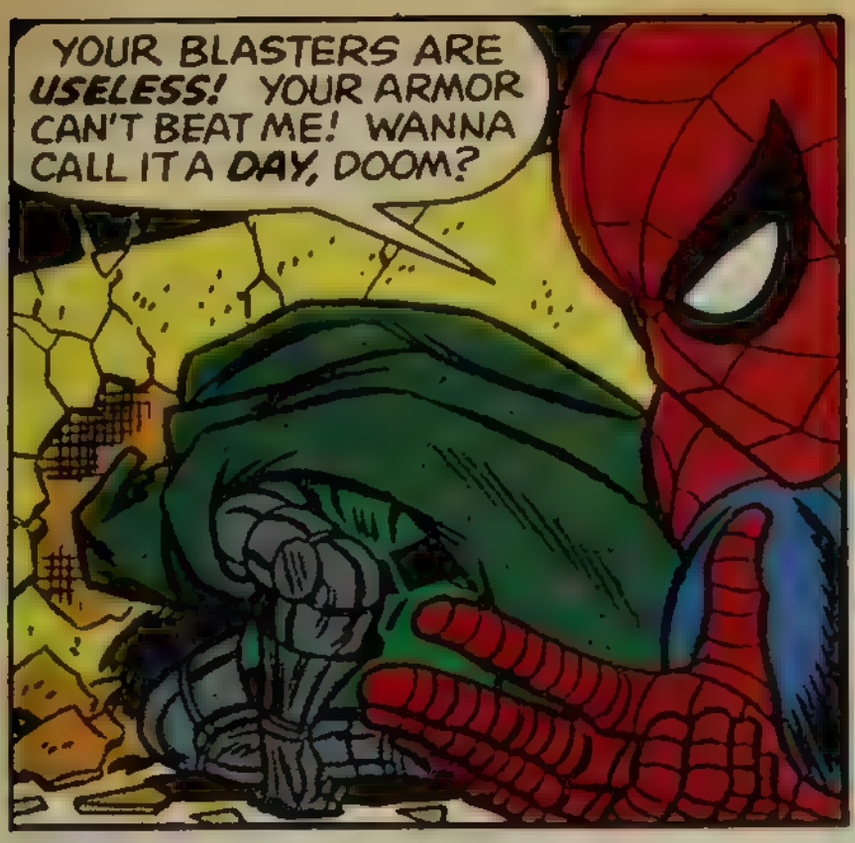
WITH WORLD DOMINATION WITHIN MY GRASP, NO COSTUMED DO-GOODER WILL STOP DR. DOOM!
HE'S SUPER-STRONG! SUPER-DEADLY! I OUGHTA BE SUPER-SCARED!
YOU CAN'T DODGE MY BLOWS FOREVER!
YOU'RE RIGHT! AND SINCE THIS ISN'T MY IDEA OF A FUN AFTERNOON--
THROKK!
LET'S SEE HOW YOU LIKE--
UNNHH! MY HAND!!
BTHAVNC!

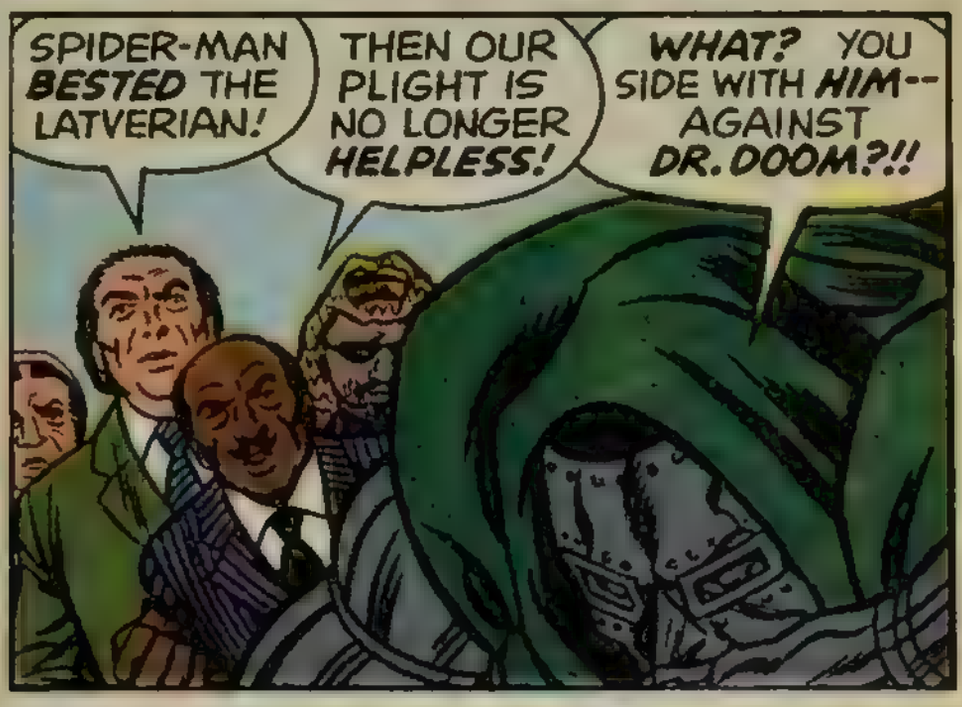
MY FIST-- IT ALMOST SHATTERED AGAINST HIS ARMOR!
WHAT DO I DO? HOW CAN I STOP HIM?

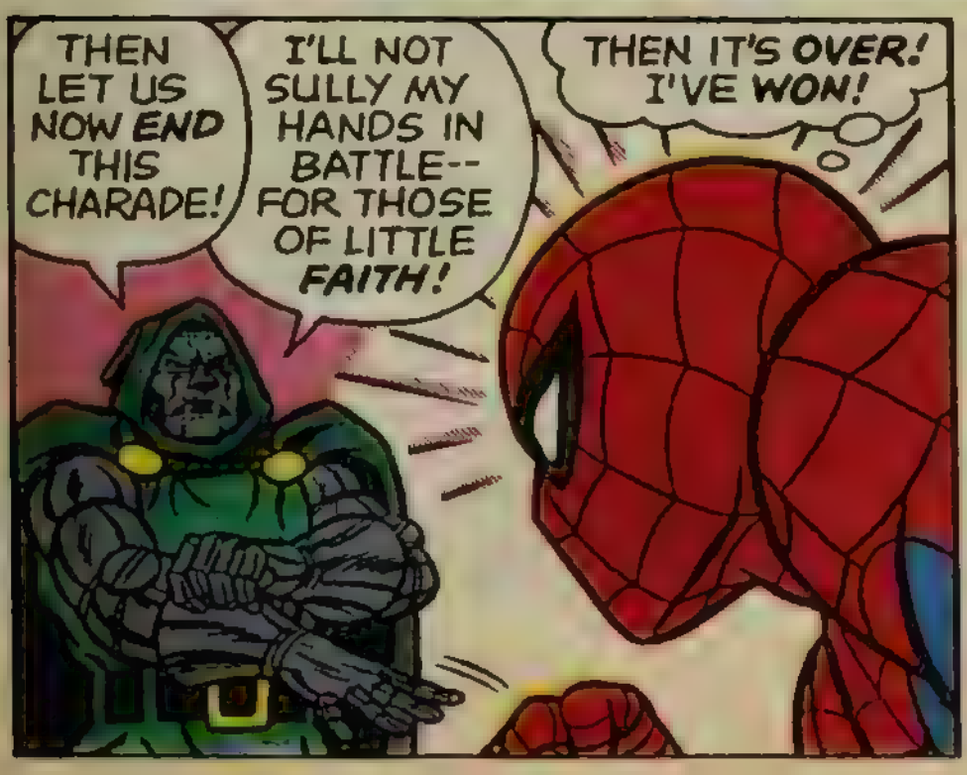
SO! THE MUCH-VAUNTED SPIDER-MAN-- HELPLESS AGAINST THE POWER OF DR. DOOM!

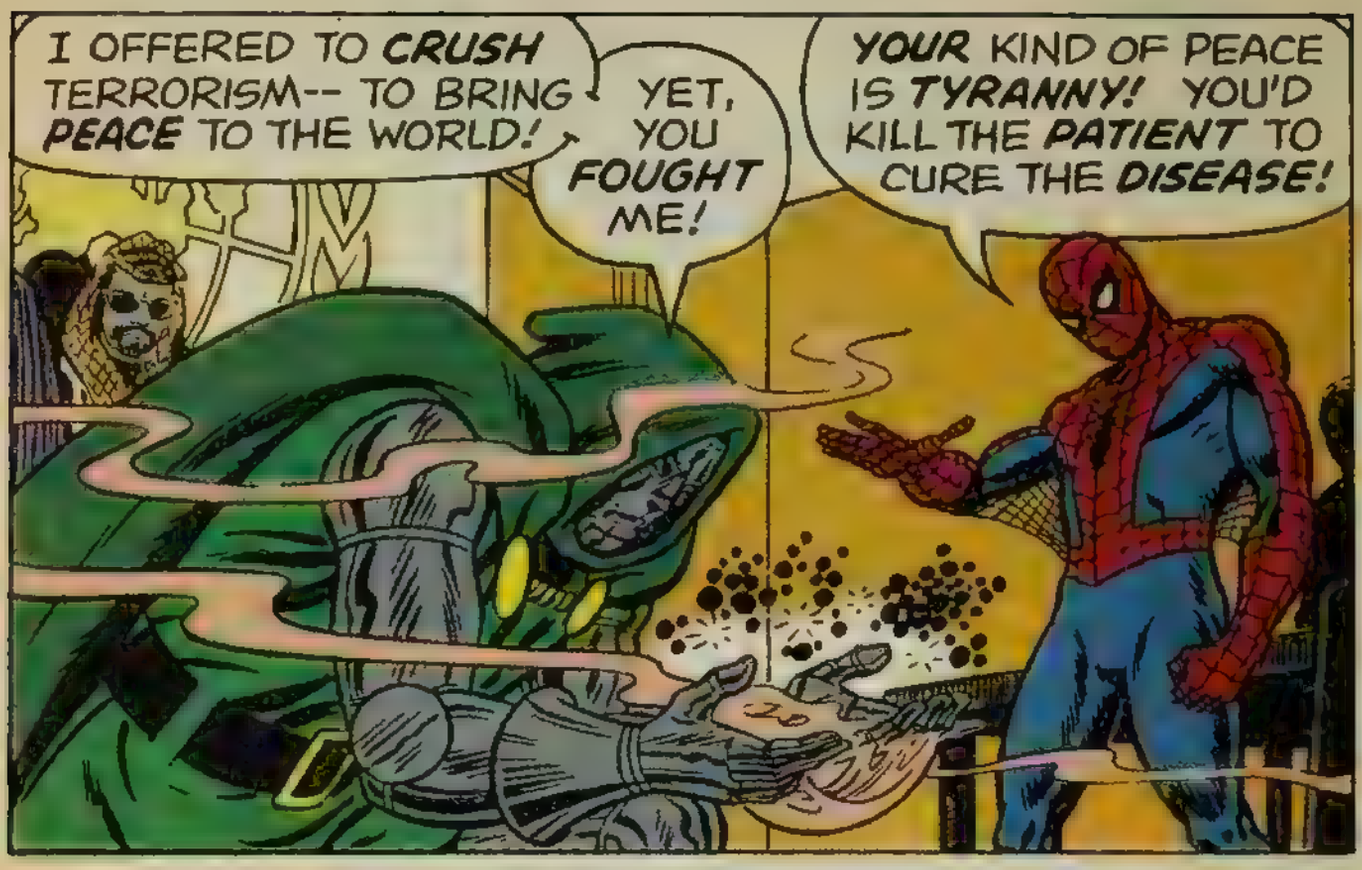

DON'T COUNT ON IT, TIN-HEAD!
LET THE TEST BEGIN!
YOUR PUNY FLESH VERSUS MY INVINCIBLE ARMOR!
AND DEATH TO THE LOSER!

SURPRISED, DOOM BABY?
DIDN'T EXPECT ME TO LEAP FROG OVER YOU, HUH?
MAYBE I CAN'T SOCK YOU WITHOUT ZONKIN' MY FINGERS!
MAYBE I CAN'T TACKLE A GUY IN A STEEL KIMONO--
BUT MAYBE I'M JUST TOO DUMB TO KNOW IT!

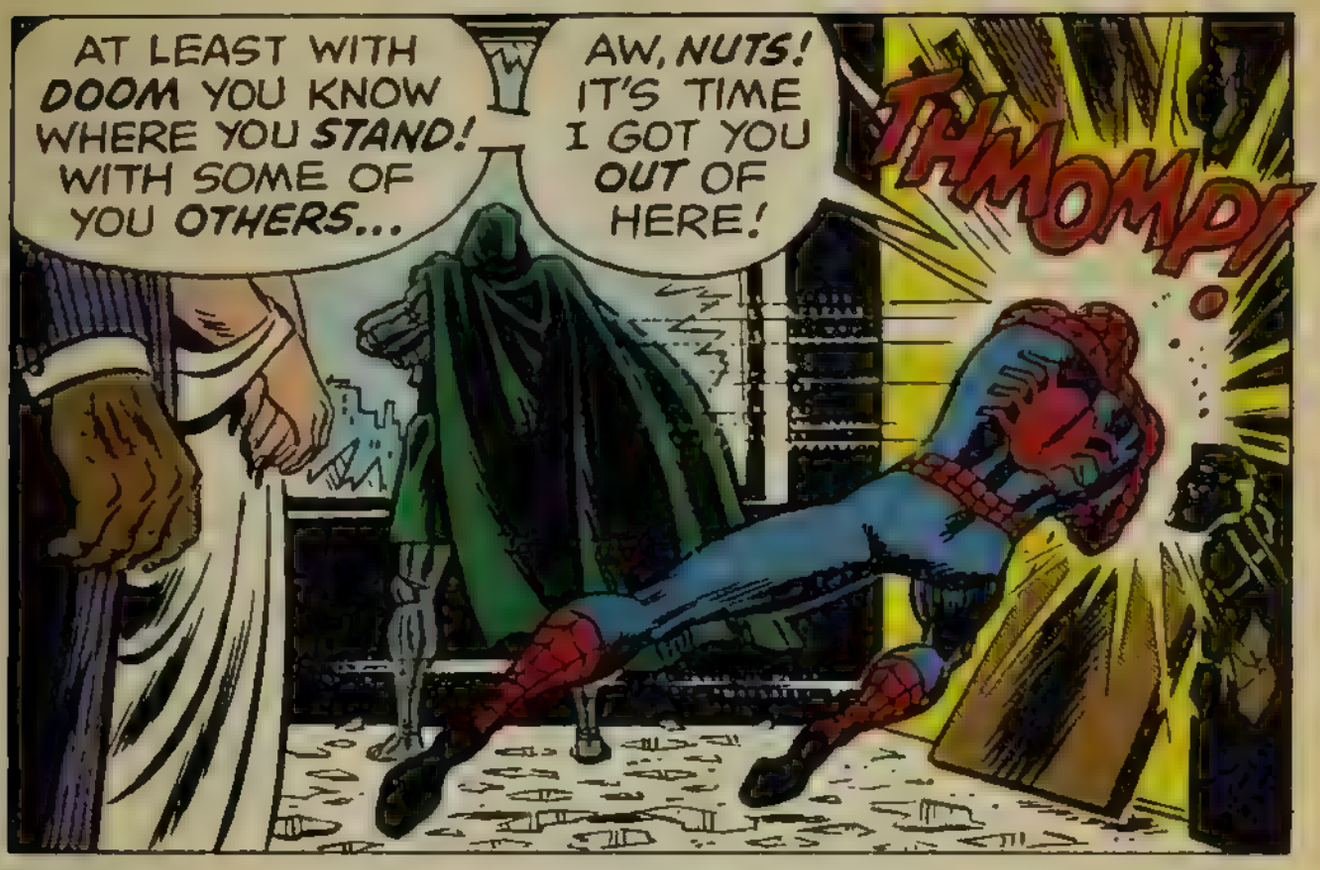

YOUR BLASTERS ARE *USELESS!* YOUR ARMOR CAN'T BEAT ME! WANNA CALL IT A *DAY,* DOOM?


SPIDER-MAN *BESTED* THE LATVERIAN!
THEN OUR PLIGHT IS NO LONGER *HELPLESS!*
WHAT? YOU SIDE WITH *HIM*-- AGAINST *DR. DOOM?!!*

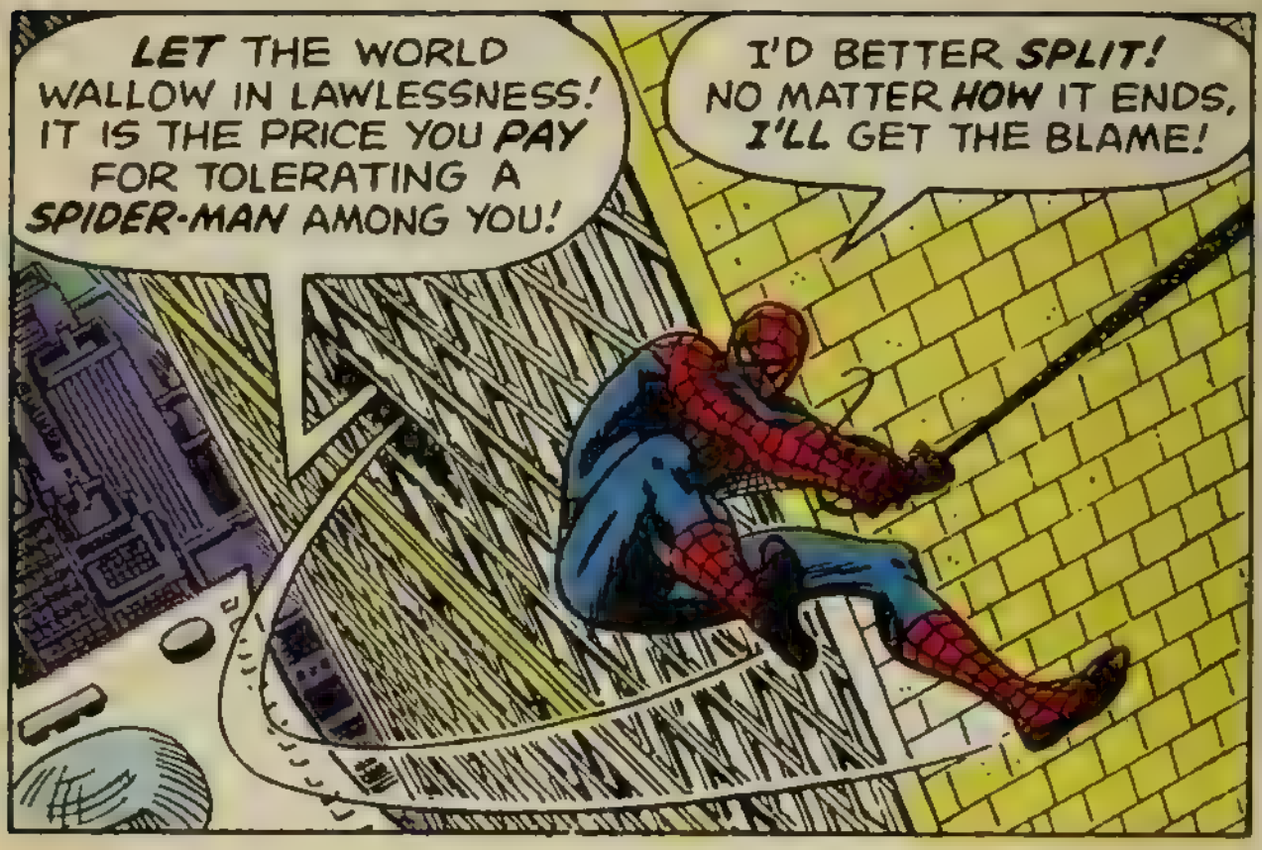

THEN LET US NOW *END* THIS CHARADE!
I'LL NOT SULLY MY HANDS IN BATTLE-- FOR THOSE OF LITTLE *FAITH!*
THEN IT'S *OVER!* I'VE *WON!*


I OFFERED TO CRUSH TERRORISM-- TO BRING PEACE TO THE WORLD!
YET, YOU FOUGHT ME!
YOUR KIND OF PEACE IS TYRANNY! YOU'D KILL THE PATIENT TO CURE THE DISEASE!

HE IS A MENACE! WHAT DO WE DO WITH HIM?
NOTHING! DR. DOOM IS RULER OF A SOVEREIGN NATION! WE HAVE NO AUTHORITY!


AT LEAST WITH DOOM YOU KNOW WHERE YOU STAND! WITH SOME OF YOU OTHERS...
AW, NUTS! IT'S TIME I GOT YOU OUT OF HERE!
THMOMP!

YOUR HIGHNESS! WHAT HAPPENED? DID YOU MAKE MINCEMEAT OUT OF THAT WEB-SPINNING WEASEL?
SILENCE, COMMONER! THE LORD OF LATVERIA WOULD NOT DEIGN TO SO SOIL HIS HANDS!


LET THE WORLD WALLOW IN LAWLESSNESS! IT IS THE PRICE YOU PAY FOR TOLERATING A SPIDER-MAN AMONG YOU!
I'D BETTER SPLIT! NO MATTER HOW IT ENDS, I'LL GET THE BLAME!

AT THAT VERY INSTANT, IN A QUIET SECTION OF FOREST HILLS, AN EVEN GREATER THREAT WAITS TO BE UNLEASHED!
MRS. M. PARKER

THE BATTLE IS OVER! BROUGHT TO BAY BY SPIDER-MAN, REJECTED BY THE U.N., A FUMING DR. DOOM STORMS FROM THE SITE--
YOUR HIGHNESS! WHAT WENT WRONG?
AMERICANS-- BAH! I CANNOT STOMACH YOUR SENSELESS VIOLENCE!
THERE HE GOES-- HEADING FOR THE AIRPORT!
HE ABANDONED HIS PLAN OF FIGHTING TERRORISM WITH GREATER TERRORISM!
I HAD TO STOP HIM-- BEFORE HE BECAME A CULT FIGURE, LEADING US BACK TO THE DARK AGES!
BOY. I'M BUSHED! I'LL SLEEP LIKE A LOG TONIGHT!
DON'T BET ON IT, SPIDEY!
MRS. M. PARKER
RRINNNG!

FOREST HILLS! IN A SILENT HALLWAY, A STRANGE TABLEAU TAKES PLACE...
PARKER

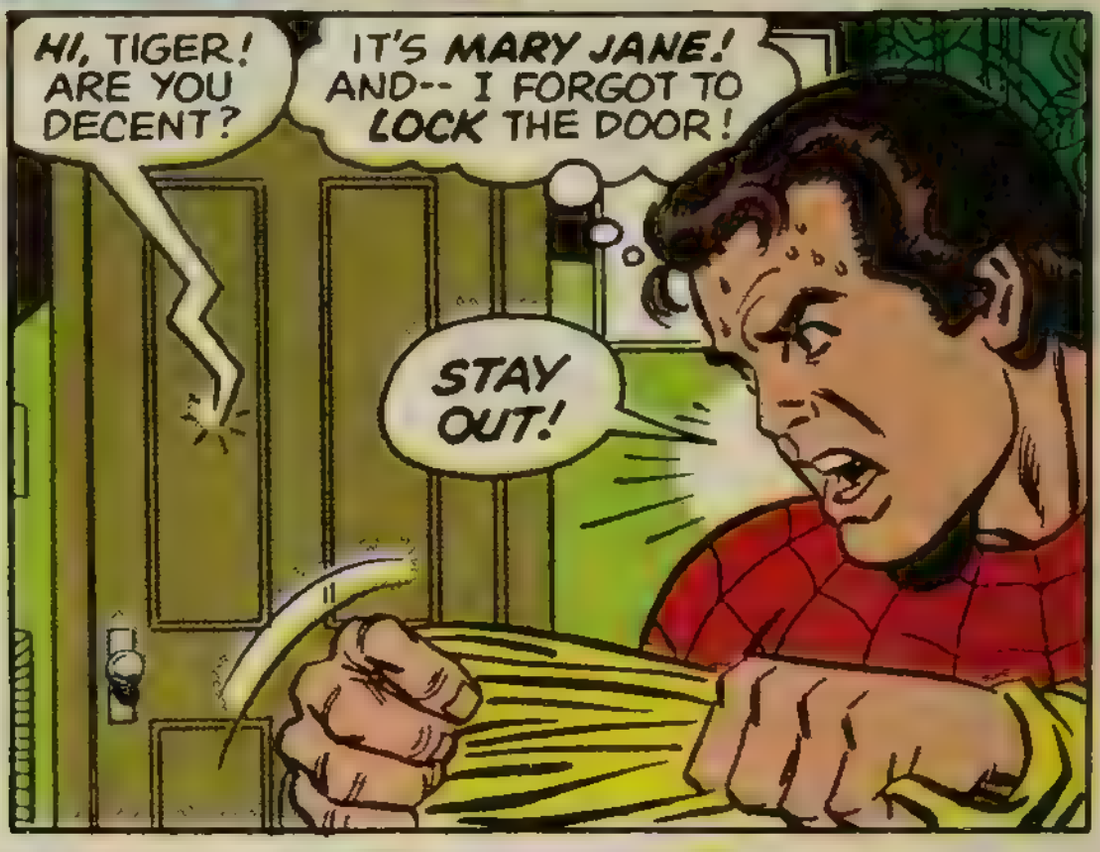
SHE ISN'T HOME, SO I'LL LEAVE A NOTE SAYING I'LL RETURN.
MRS.M.PARKER

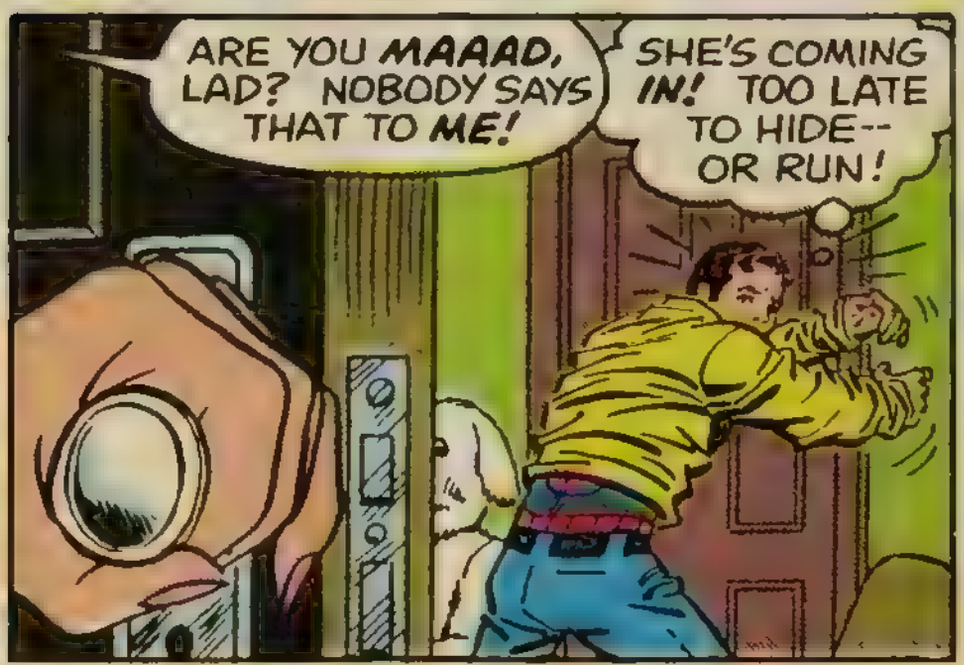
MRS. MAY PARKER HAS A LEADING ROLE IN THE MASTER PLAN OF DR. OCTOPUS!

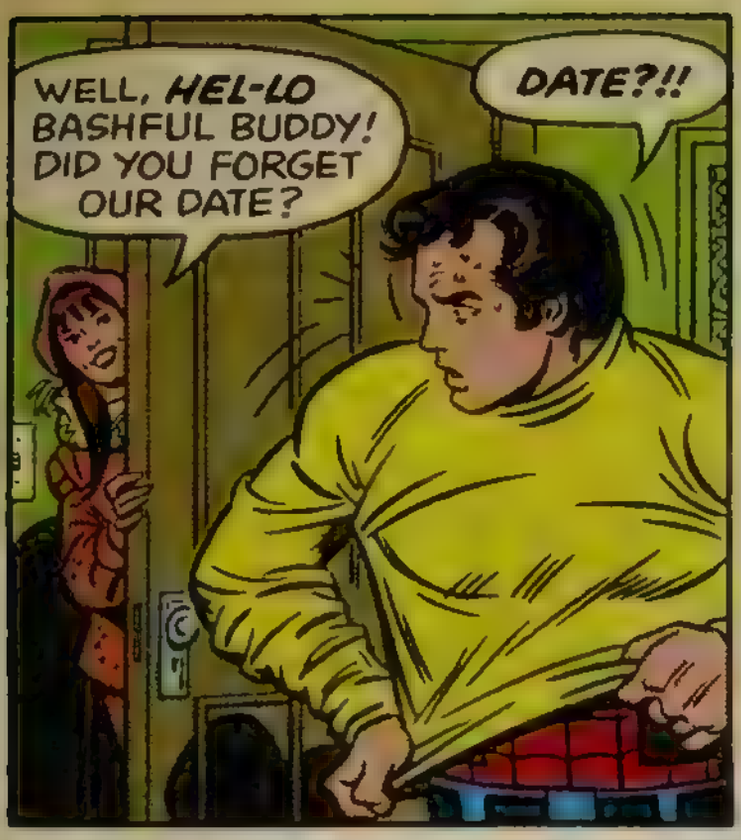
MEANWHILE, WE FIND MRS. PARKER'S ARACHNID NEPHEW...
SOMETHING'S WRONG! I FEEL IT-- I CAN SENSE IT!

IN A QUIET BROWNSTONE IN NEW YORK'S CHELSEA AREA...
DR. DOOM IS HEADING BACK TO LATVERIA.
SPIDEY BABY, YOU'VE HAD A BUSY DAY!
WITH DOOM GONE, I SHOULD BE CELEBRATING!
BUT WHY CAN'T I SHAKE THIS FEELING OF DANGER?
JUST TO PLAY SAFE, I'D BETTER REFILL MY WEB-CARTRIDGES!
SHEESH! THIS SUPERHERO BIT CALLS FOR MORE WARDROBE CHANGES THAN RAQUEL WELCH!
UH OH! FOOTSTEPS! IN THE HALL!

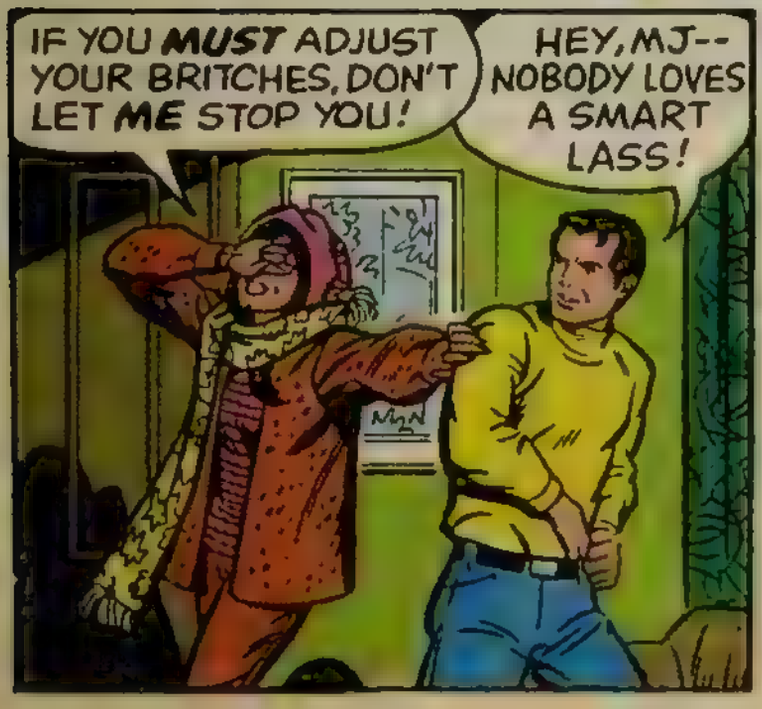
FOOTSTEPS IN THE HALL! IF ANYONE SEES ME LIKE THIS--

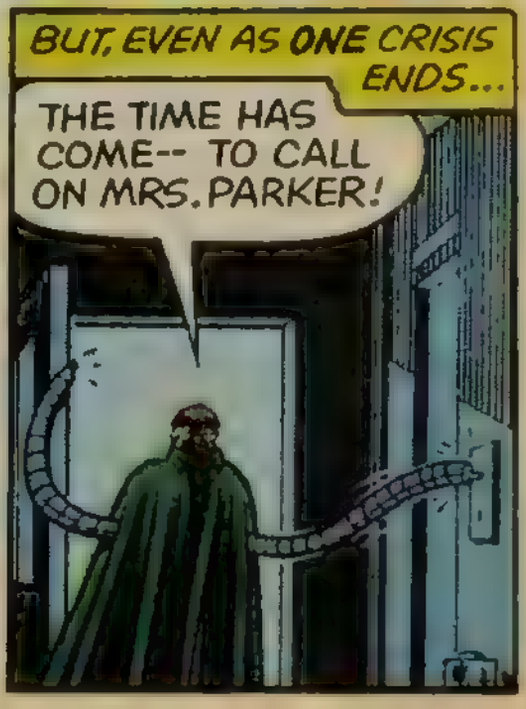

HI, TIGER! ARE YOU DECENT?
IT'S MARY JANE! AND-- I FORGOT TO LOCK THE DOOR!
STAY OUT!

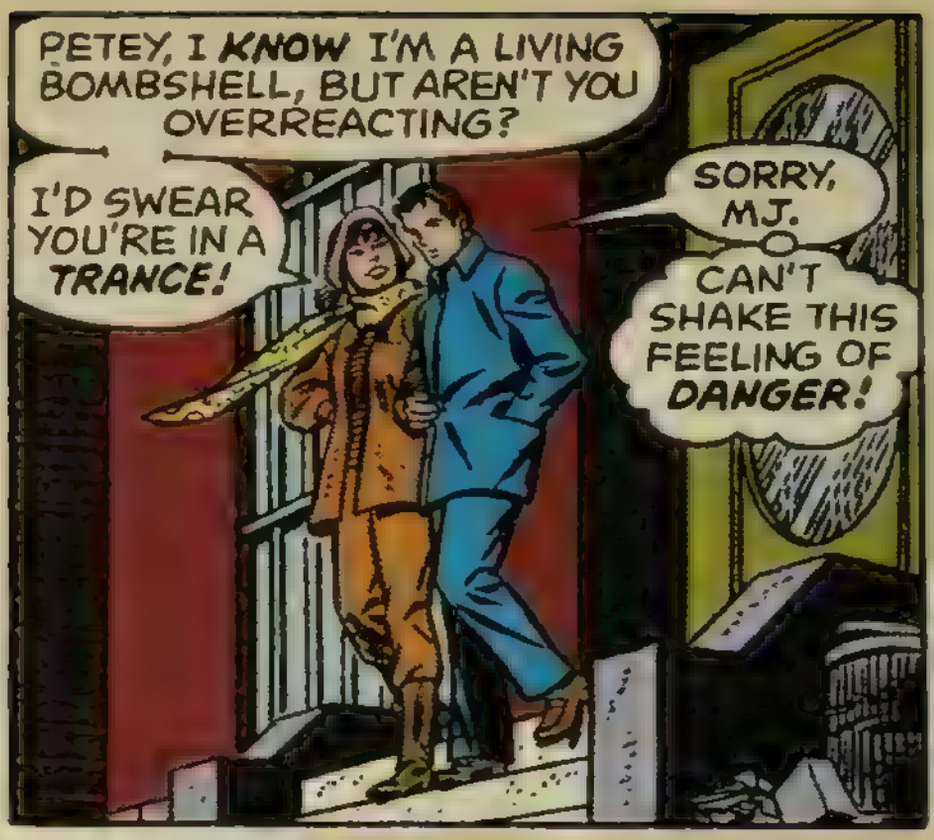

ARE YOU MAAAD, LAD? NOBODY SAYS THAT TO ME!
SHE'S COMING IN! TOO LATE TO HIDE-- OR RUN!

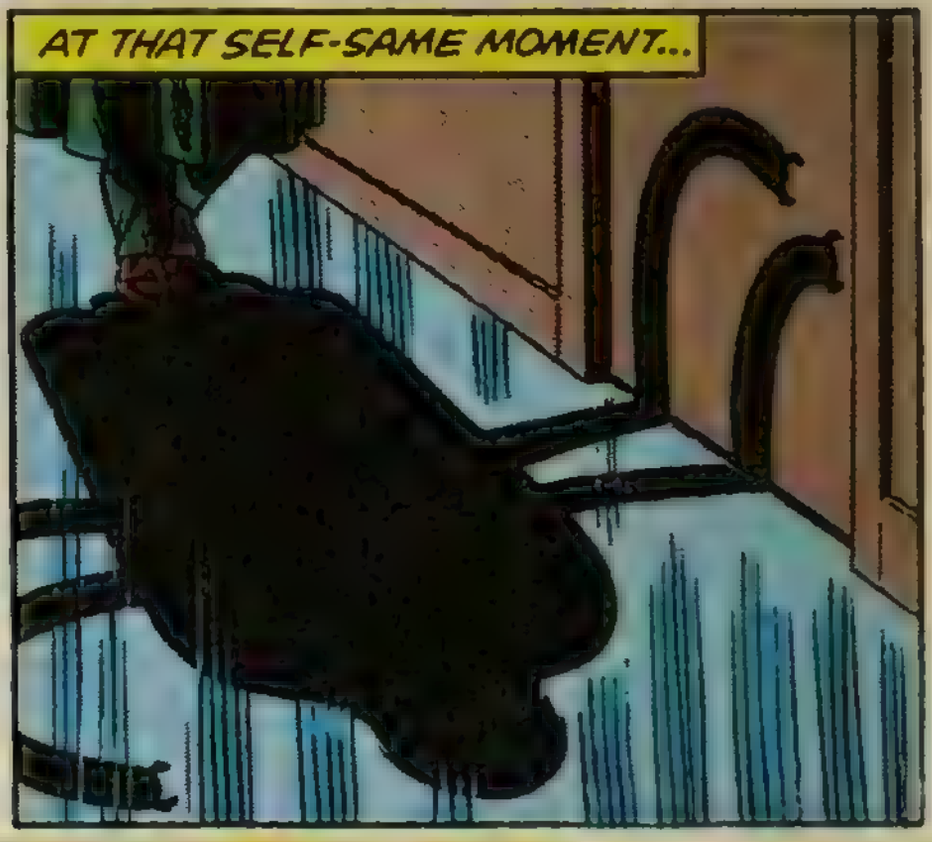

WELL, HEL-LO BASHFUL BUDDY! DID YOU FORGET OUR DATE?
DATE?!!

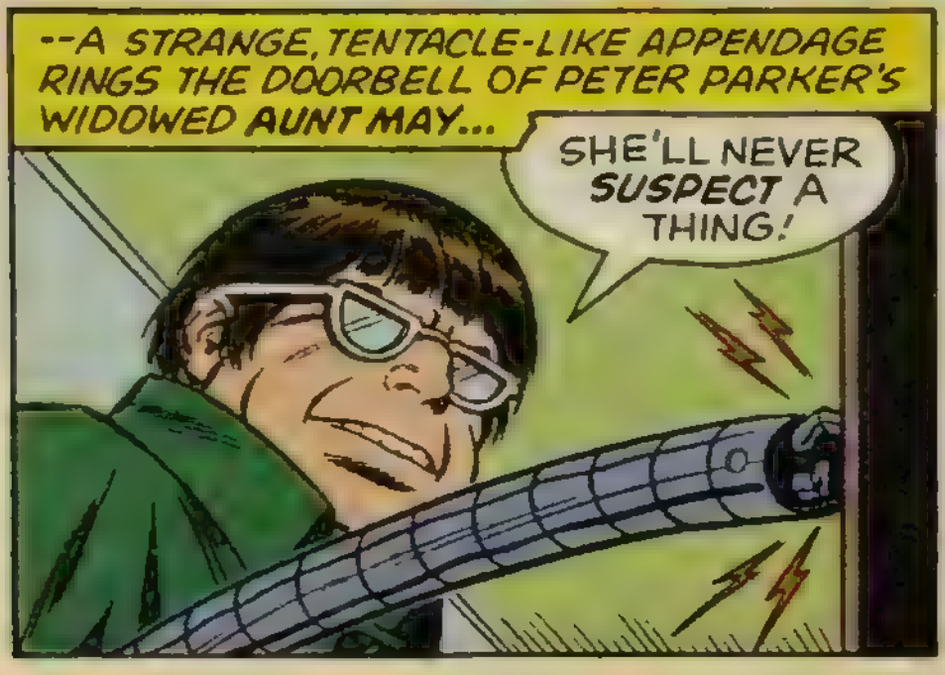
THE MUSEUM, REMEMBER? SO I CAN GET YOU SOME COUTH!
I'M SAFE! SHE DIDN'T SEE-- MY COSTUME!

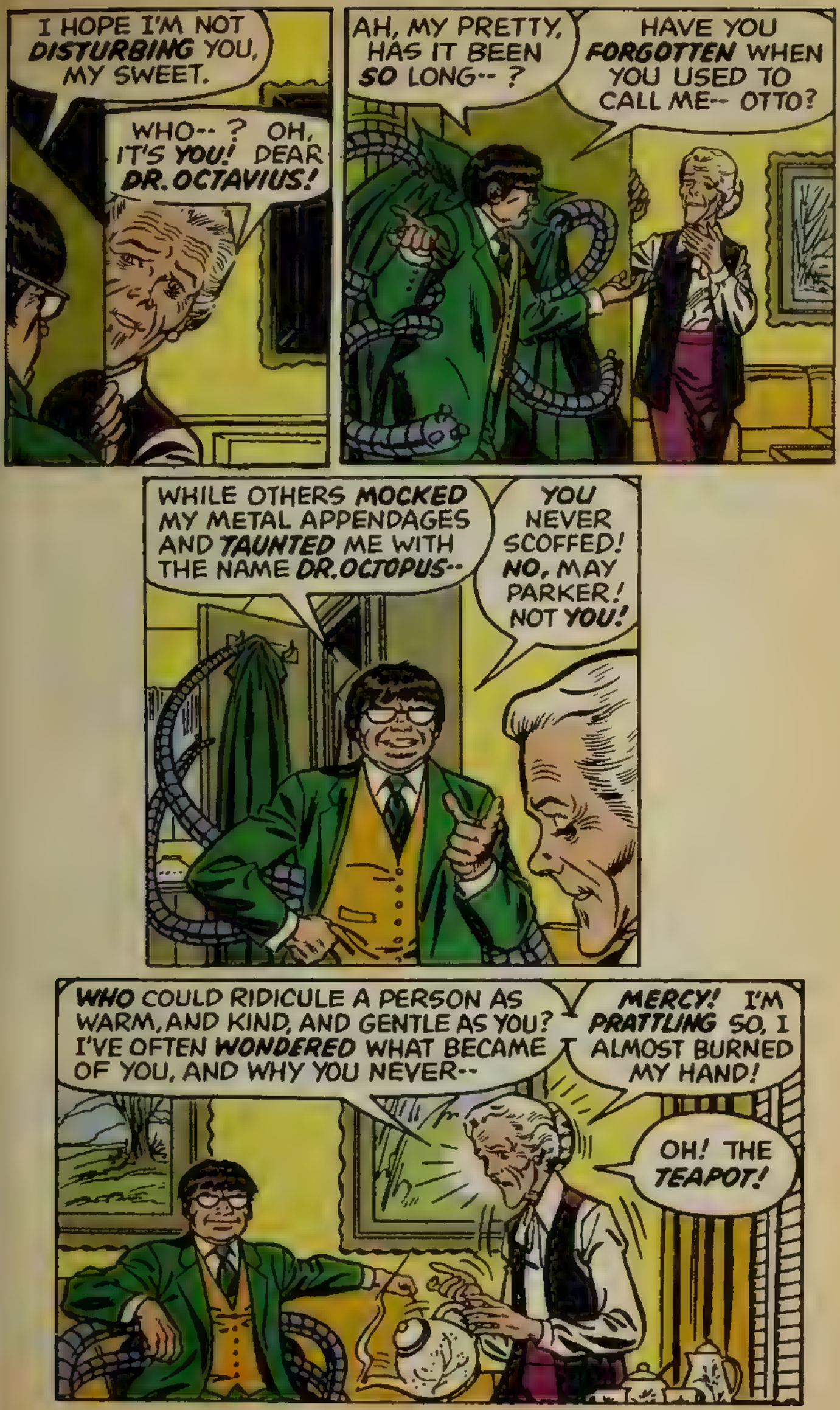

IF YOU MUST ADJUST YOUR BRITCHES, DON'T LET ME STOP YOU!
HEY, MJ-- NOBODY LOVES A SMART LASS!

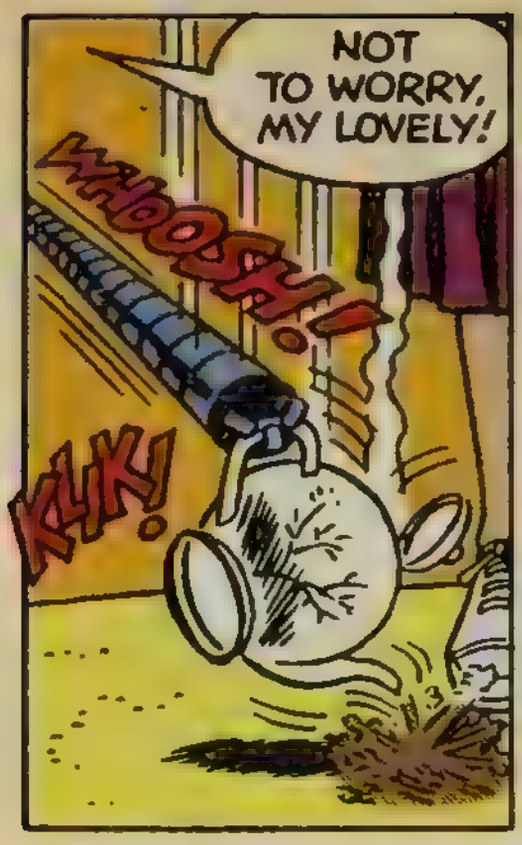

BUT, EVEN AS ONE CRISIS ENDS...
THE TIME HAS COME-- TO CALL ON MRS. PARKER!


PETEY, I KNOW I'M A LIVING BOMBSHELL, BUT AREN'T YOU OVERREACTING?
I'D SWEAR YOU'RE IN A TRANCE!
SORRY, MJ.
CAN'T SHAKE THIS FEELING OF DANGER!


AT THAT SELF-SAME MOMENT...


--A STRANGE, TENTACLE-LIKE APPENDAGE RINGS THE DOORBELL OF PETER PARKER'S WIDOWED AUNT MAY...
SHE'LL NEVER SUSPECT A THING!


I HOPE I'M NOT DISTURBING YOU, MY SWEET.
WHO-- ? OH, IT'S YOU! DEAR DR. OCTAVIUS!
AH, MY PRETTY, HAS IT BEEN SO LONG-- ?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN WHEN YOU USED TO CALL ME-- OTTO?
WHILE OTHERS MOCKED MY METAL APPENDAGES AND TAUNTED ME WITH THE NAME DR. OCTOPUS--
YOU NEVER SCOFFED! NO, MAY PARKER! NOT YOU!
WHO COULD RIDICULE A PERSON AS WARM, AND KIND, AND GENTLE AS YOU? I'VE OFTEN WONDERED WHAT BECAME OF YOU, AND WHY YOU NEVER--
MERCY! I'M PRATTLING SO, I ALMOST BURNED MY HAND!
OH! THE TEAPOT!

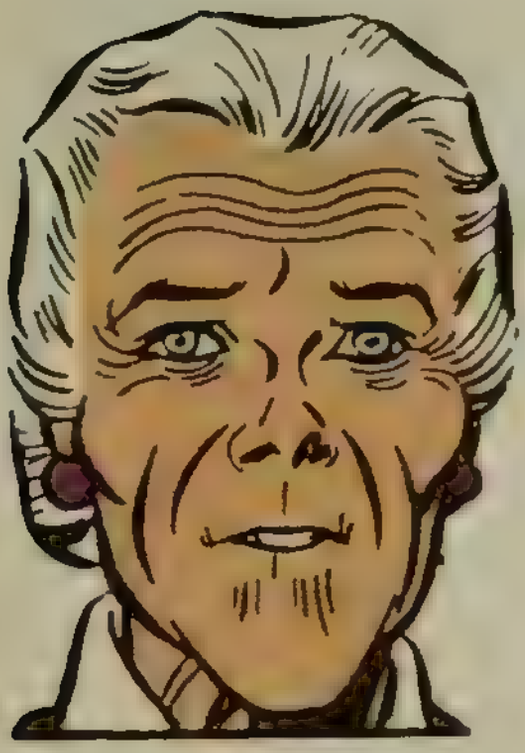

NOT TO WORRY, MY LOVELY!
WHOOSH!
KLIK!

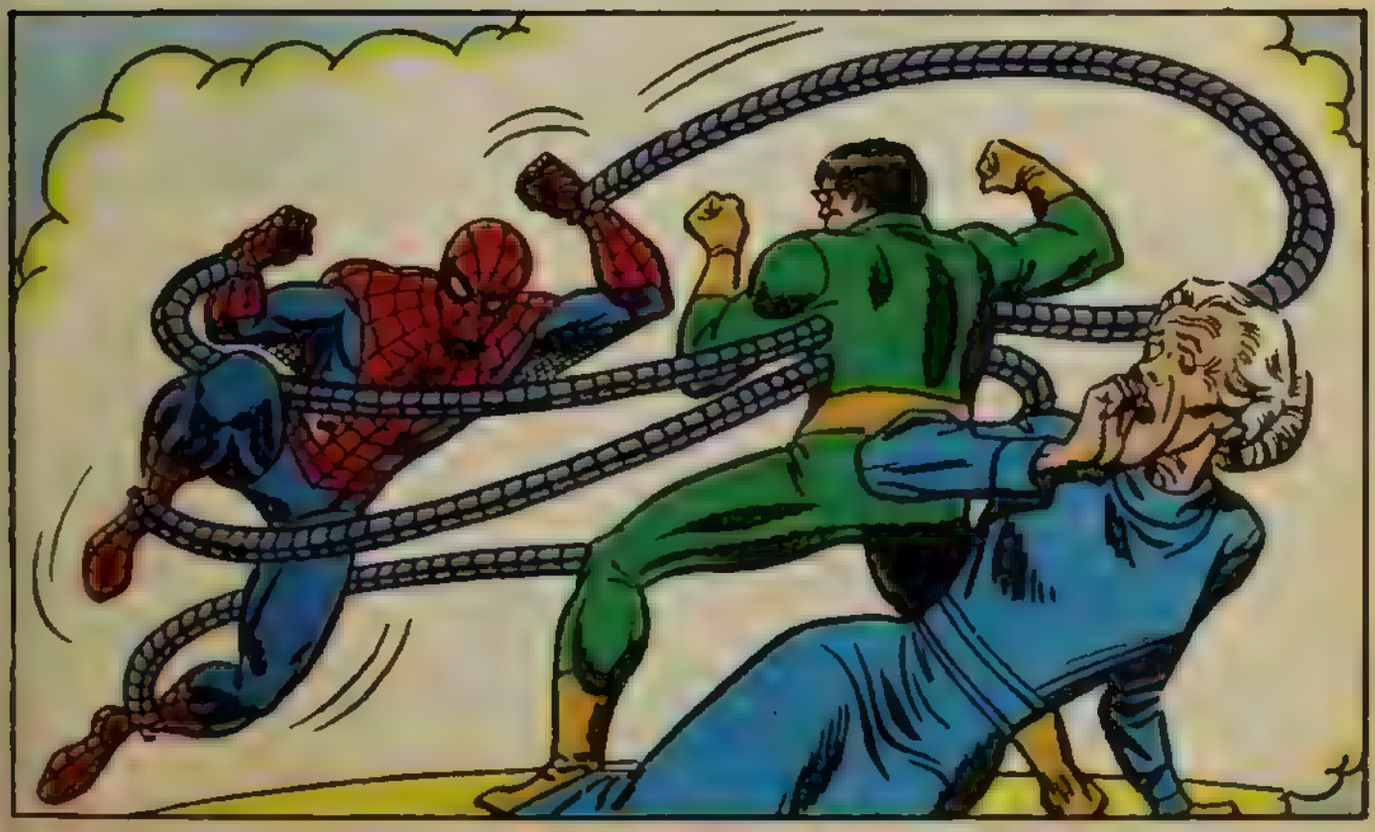
ALLOW ME!
OH, YOU ALWAYS WERE SO GAL-LANT!

BUT TELL ME, DEAR OTTO-- WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
A CONCERN FOR YOUR SAFETY, MY DOVE. I READ THAT SPIDER-MAN IS ONCE AGAIN AT LARGE!

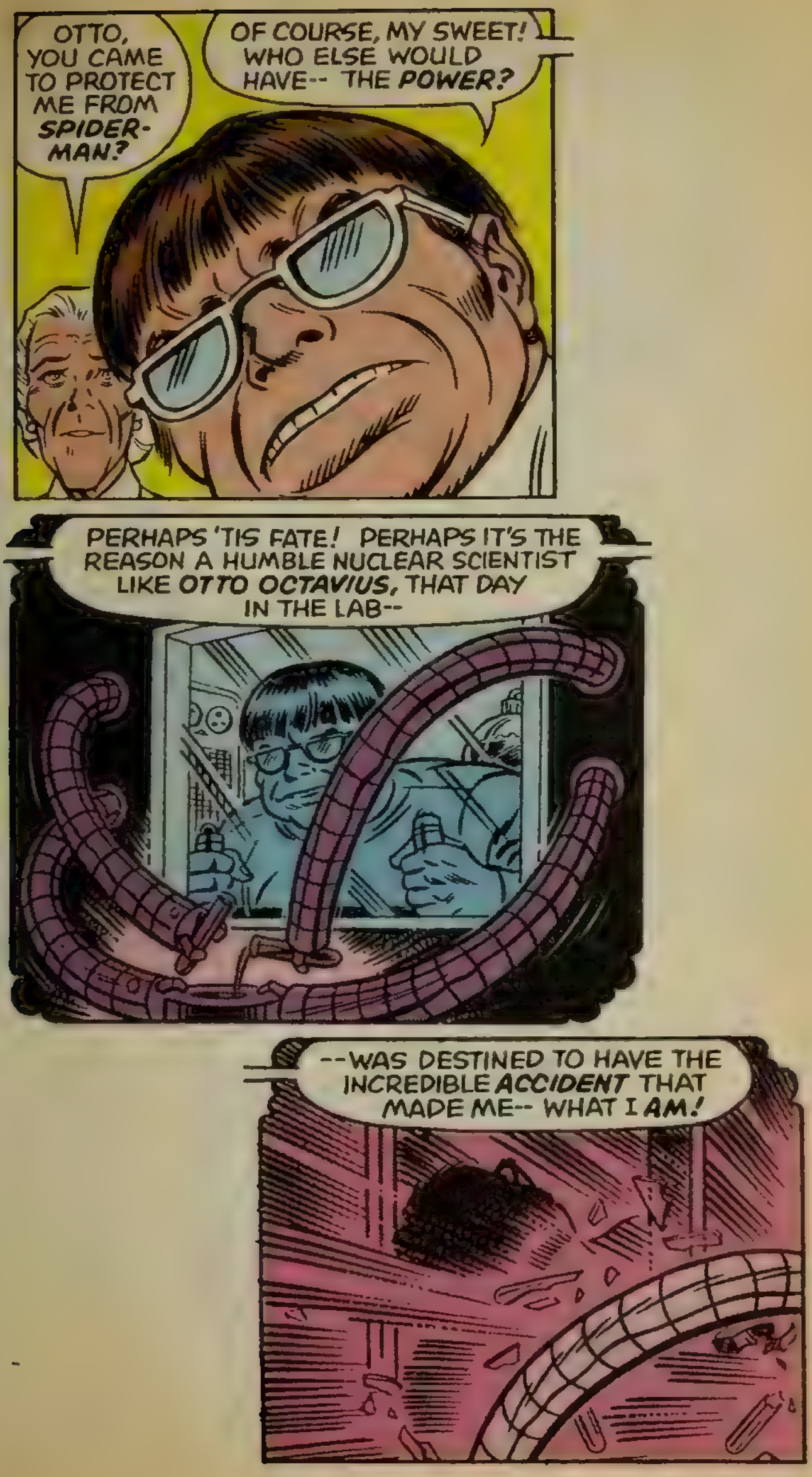
OH, THAT *AWFUL CREATURE!* I STILL REMEMBER THE TIME YOU FLEW TO MY SIDE AND *FOUGHT* HIM SO BRAVELY!

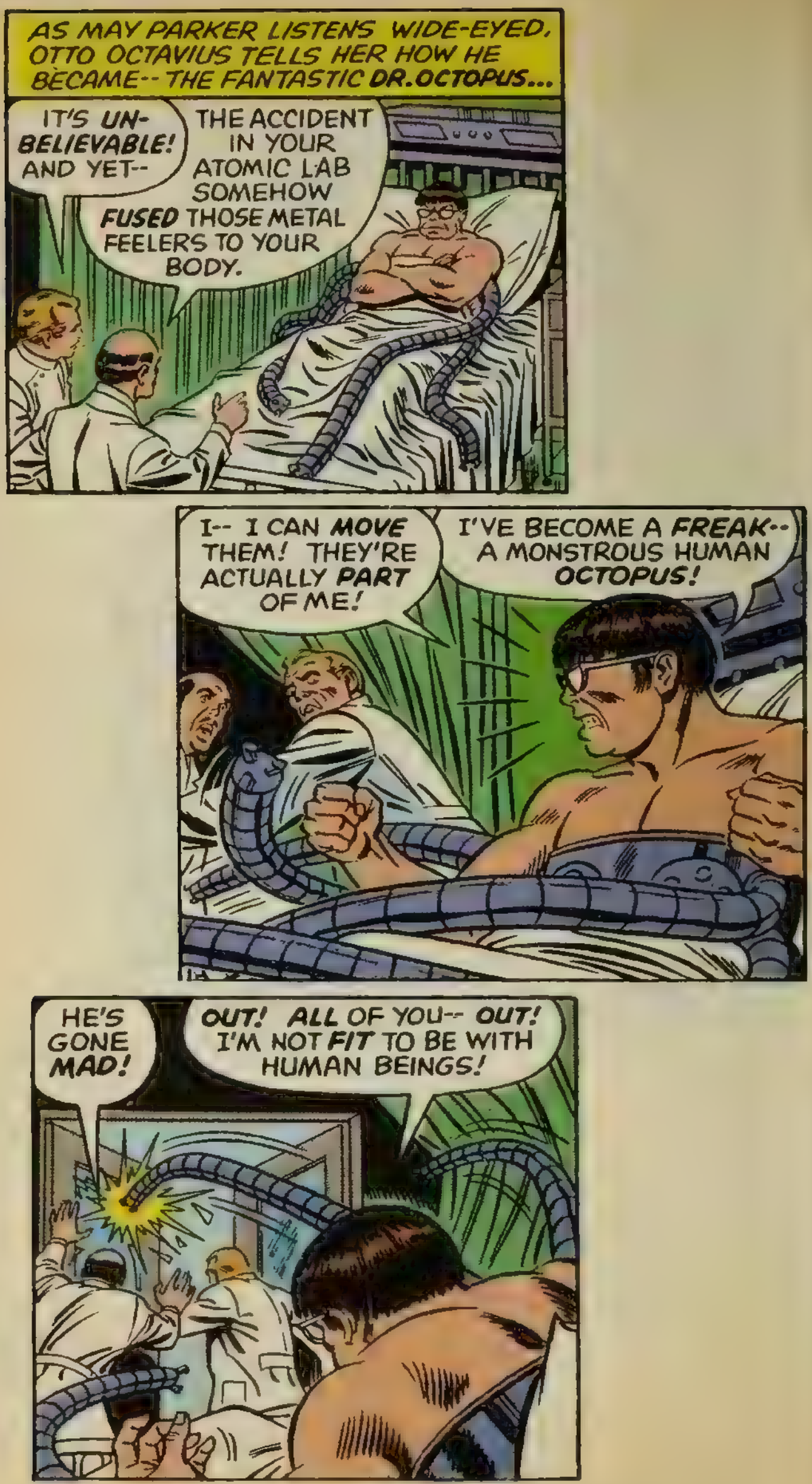
BUT-- WHAT MAKES YOU FEEL WE MUST FEAR HIM *AGAIN?*

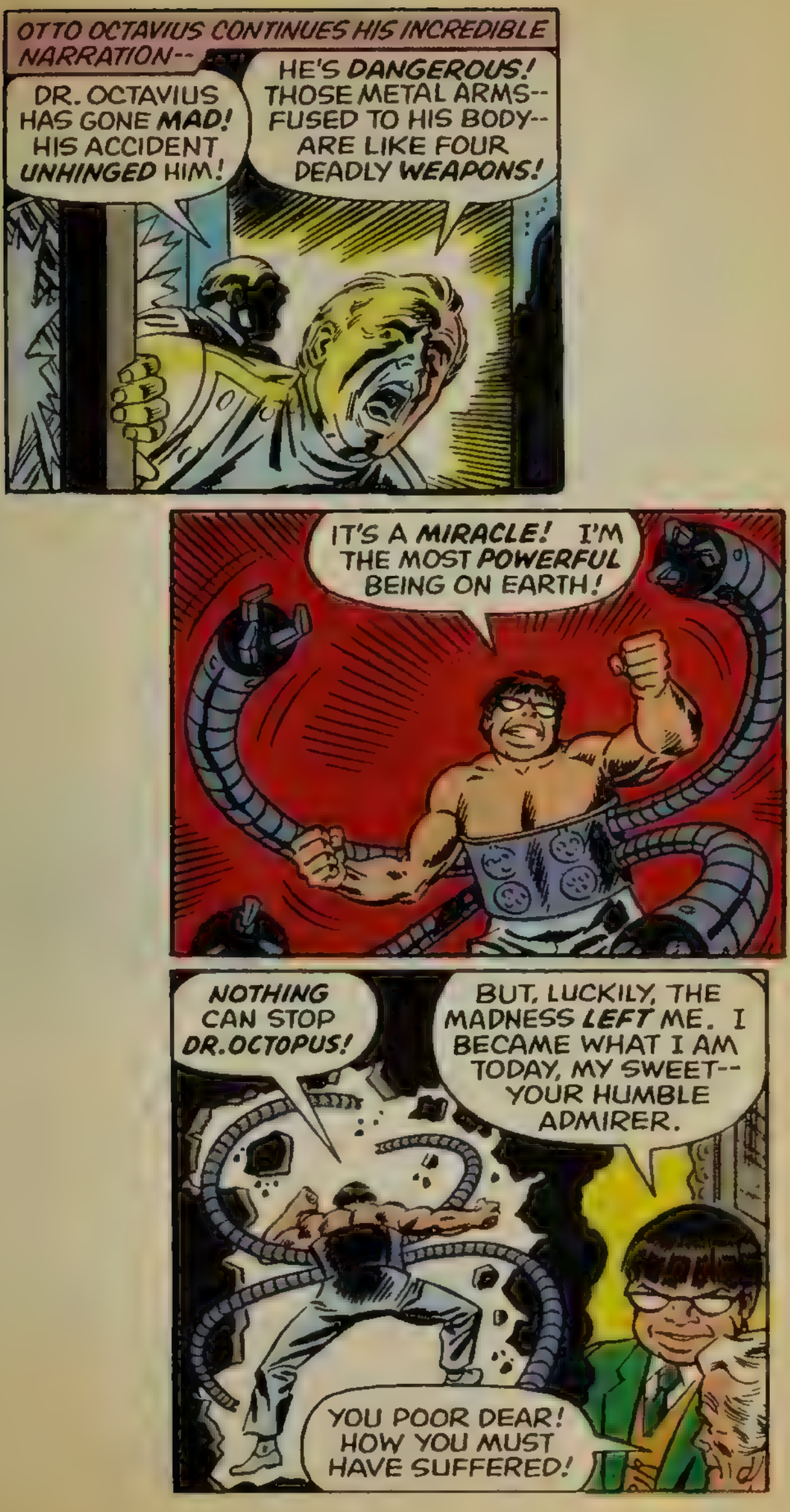




IN ALL NEW YORK, PERHAPS NO ONE BUT GENTLE, TRUSTING MAY PARKER WOULD WELCOME A VISIT FROM THE MAN KNOWN AS-- DR. OCTOPUS!
DO COME IN! IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU!
THANK YOU, MY SWEET.
AH, MY PRETTY, THE WARMTH OF YOUR GREETING IS LIKE NOURISHMENT TO MY HUNGRY HEART!
THANK GOODNESS I GOT HERE IN TIME.
IN TIME, OTTO?
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? THE MURDEROUS SPIDER-MAN WAS SEEN IN THE AREA! BUT FEAR NOT, MY LOVELY--
HE IS NO MATCH FOR DR. OCTOPUS!


OTTO, YOU CAME TO PROTECT ME FROM SPIDER-MAN?
OF COURSE, MY SWEET! WHO ELSE WOULD HAVE-- THE POWER?
PERHAPS 'TIS FATE! PERHAPS IT'S THE REASON A HUMBLE NUCLEAR SCIENTIST LIKE OTTO OCTAVIUS, THAT DAY IN THE LAB--
--WAS DESTINED TO HAVE THE INCREDIBLE ACCIDENT THAT MADE ME-- WHAT I AM!


AS MAY PARKER LISTENS WIDE-EYED, OTTO OCTAVIUS TELLS HER HOW HE BECAME-- THE FANTASTIC DR. OCTOPUS...
IT'S UN-BELIEVABLE! AND YET--
THE ACCIDENT IN YOUR ATOMIC LAB SOMEHOW FUSED THOSE METAL FEELERS TO YOUR BODY.
I-- I CAN MOVE THEM! THEY'RE ACTUALLY PART OF ME!
I'VE BECOME A FREAK-- A MONSTROUS HUMAN OCTOPUS!
HE'S GONE MAD!
OUT! ALL OF YOU-- OUT! I'M NOT FIT TO BE WITH HUMAN BEINGS!


OTTO OCTAVIUS CONTINUES HIS INCREDIBLE NARRATION--
DR. OCTAVIUS HAS GONE MAD! HIS ACCIDENT UNHINGED HIM!
HE'S DANGEROUS! THOSE METAL ARMS-- FUSED TO HIS BODY-- ARE LIKE FOUR DEADLY WEAPONS!
IT'S A MIRACLE! I'M THE MOST POWERFUL BEING ON EARTH!
NOTHING CAN STOP DR. OCTOPUS!
BUT, LUCKILY, THE MADNESS LEFT ME. I BECAME WHAT I AM TODAY, MY SWEET-- YOUR HUMBLE ADMIRER.
YOU POOR DEAR! HOW YOU MUST HAVE SUFFERED!

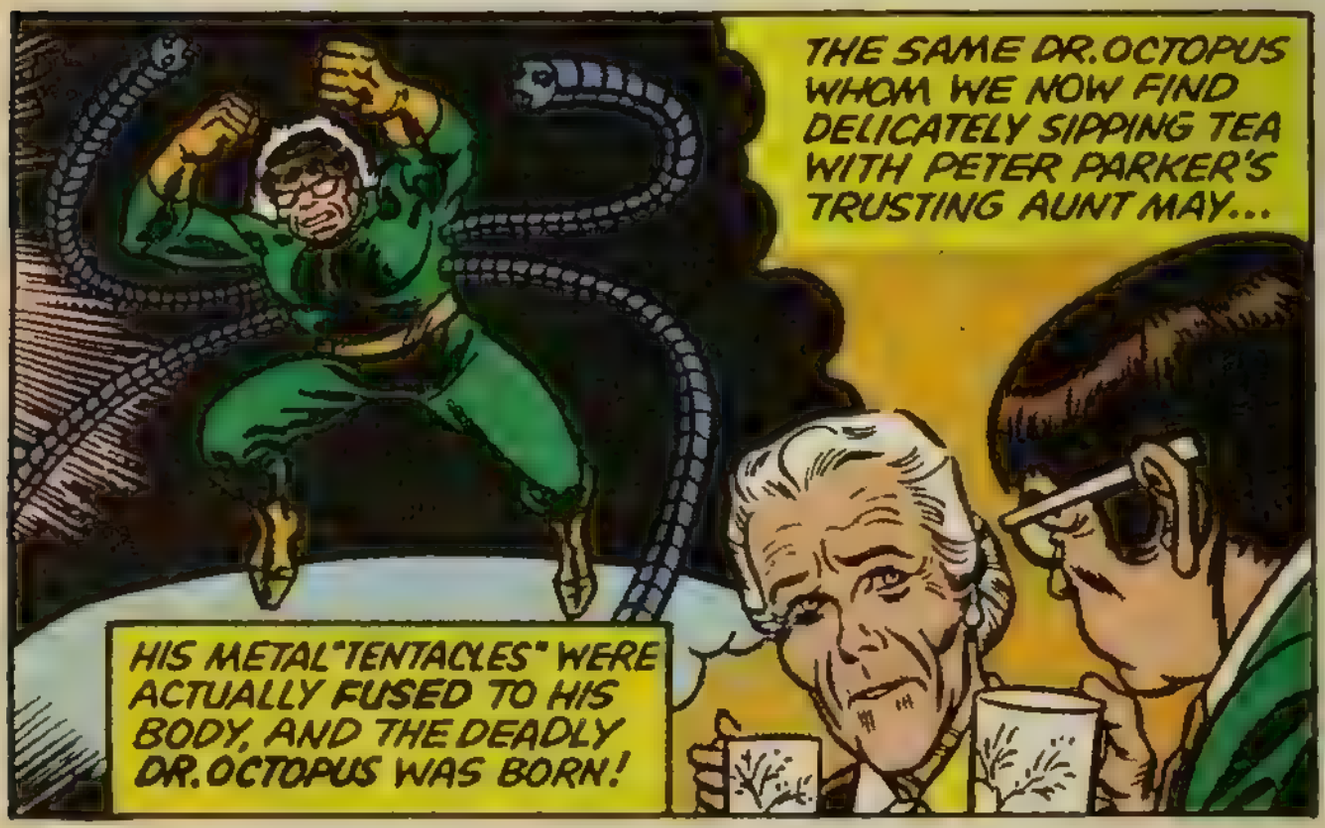
NO ONE-- NOT EVEN THE GENTLE WIDOW HERSELF-- SUSPECTS THAT MAY PARKER'S NEPHEW IS REALLY THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!
EVER SINCE MY ACCIDENT-- SINCE THESE ACCURSED METAL ARMS WERE FUSED TO MY BODY-- I'VE BEEN A SOUL IN TORMENT!
THERE, THERE! YOU MUSTN'T TORTURE YOURSELF THIS WAY!
PEOPLE FEAR ME, MAY. THEY HATE ME! THEY'VE EVEN ACCUSED ME OF VIOLENT CRIMINAL DEEDS-- ME, WHO WOULDN'T HARM A FLY!
PEOPLE CAN BE SO CRUEL, OTTO!
IF NOT FOR YOU, MY SWEET--
;SIGH!;-- I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU RUSHING TO MY SIDE BECAUSE THAT HORRIBLE SPIDER-MAN IS NEARBY!
IT WORKED! SHE BOUGHT IT! NOTHING CAN STOP ME NOW!

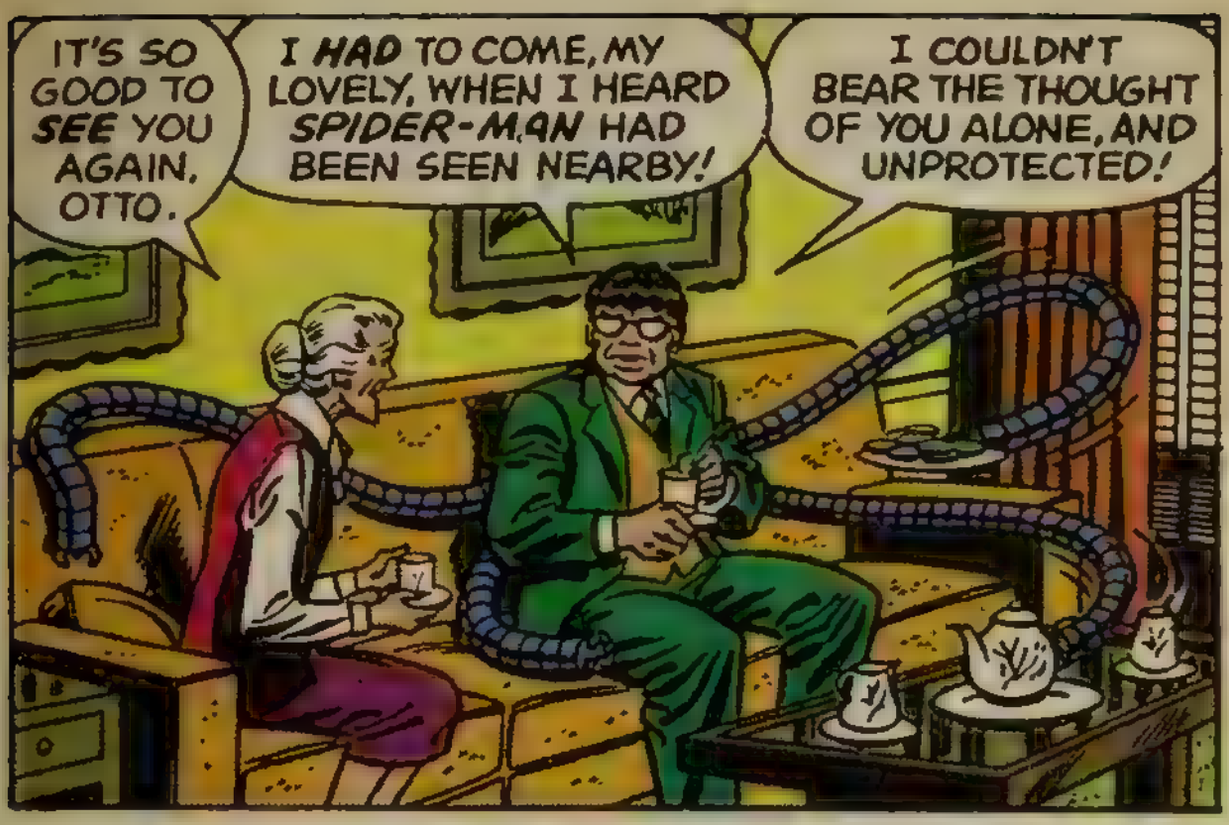
REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR DOOR LOCKED, MY DEAR. WITH SPIDER-MAN AT LARGE, NOBODY IS SAFE!
YES, OTTO-- I KNOW. THAT'S WHY MY NEPHEW PETER DROPS BY SO OFTEN.

IF WE'RE OFF TO THE MUSEUM, PETEY, THIS IS SOME FAR-OUT SHORT CUT!
IT'LL JUST TAKE A MINUTE, MJ. I WANNA MAKE SURE MY AUNT IS OKAY.

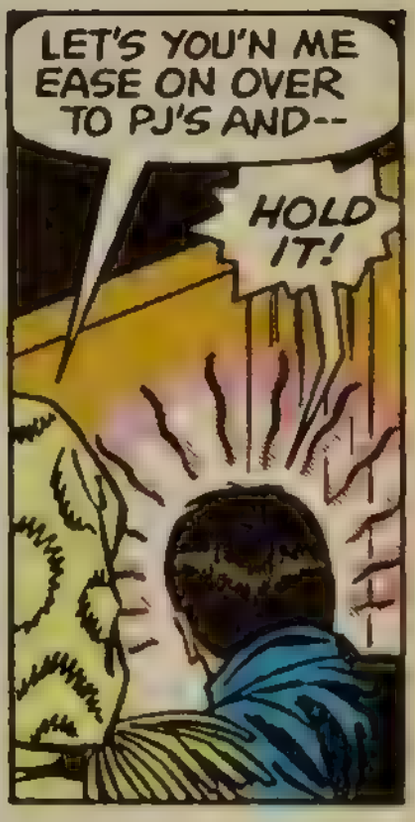
MY SPIDER-SENSE KEEPS TINGLING! THERE'S DANGER NEARBY!
HEY, WHAT GIVES, TIGER? WHY SO TENSE AND TREMBLY?
VOICES! SOMEONE'S WITH AUNT MAY!

HIS NAME WAS OTTO OCTAVIUS, ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST BRILLIANT NUCLEAR RESEARCHERS, UNTIL--
AN ATOMIC ACCIDENT! A SUDDEN BLAST OF UN-CONTROLLED RADIATION! AND THEN--

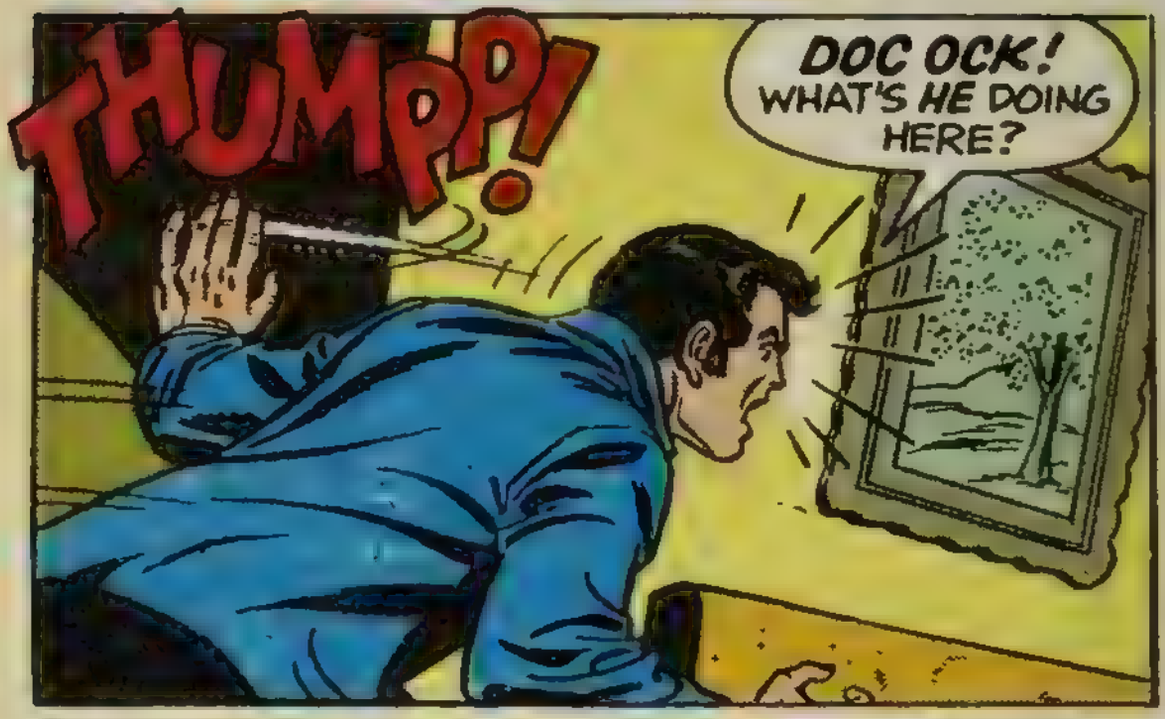

THE SAME DR. OCTOPUS WHOM WE NOW FIND DELICATELY SIPPING TEA WITH PETER PARKER'S TRUSTING AUNT MAY...
HIS METAL "TENTACLES" WERE ACTUALLY FUSED TO HIS BODY, AND THE DEADLY DR. OCTOPUS WAS BORN!


IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, OTTO.
I HAD TO COME, MY LOVELY, WHEN I HEARD SPIDER-MAN HAD BEEN SEEN NEARBY!
I COULDN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT OF YOU ALONE, AND UNPROTECTED!

BUT MY NEPHEW PETER COMES TO VISIT...
LISTEN, MARY JANE. AUNT MAY MUST HAVE COMPANY!
FAR OUT, TIGER! THEN SHE WON'T NEED US!


LET'S YOU'N ME EASE ON OVER TO PJ'S AND--
HOLD IT!

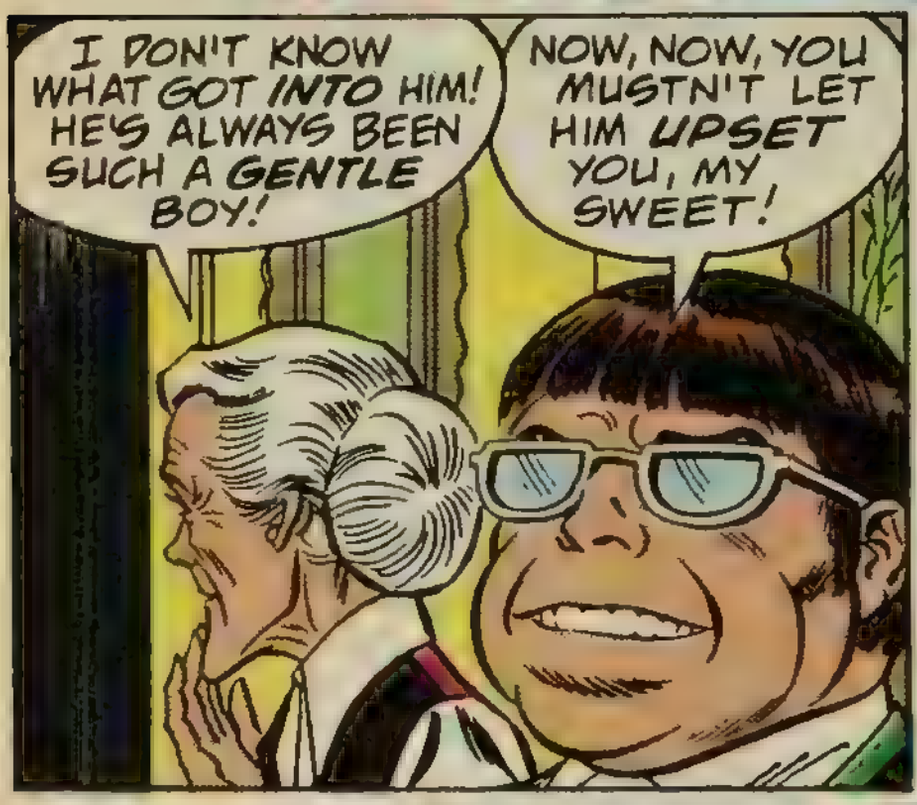
MY SPIDER-SENSE-- IT'S TINGLING! THERE'S DANGER-- AND AUNT MAY'S IN THERE!
PETEY! WHAT'S WRONG?

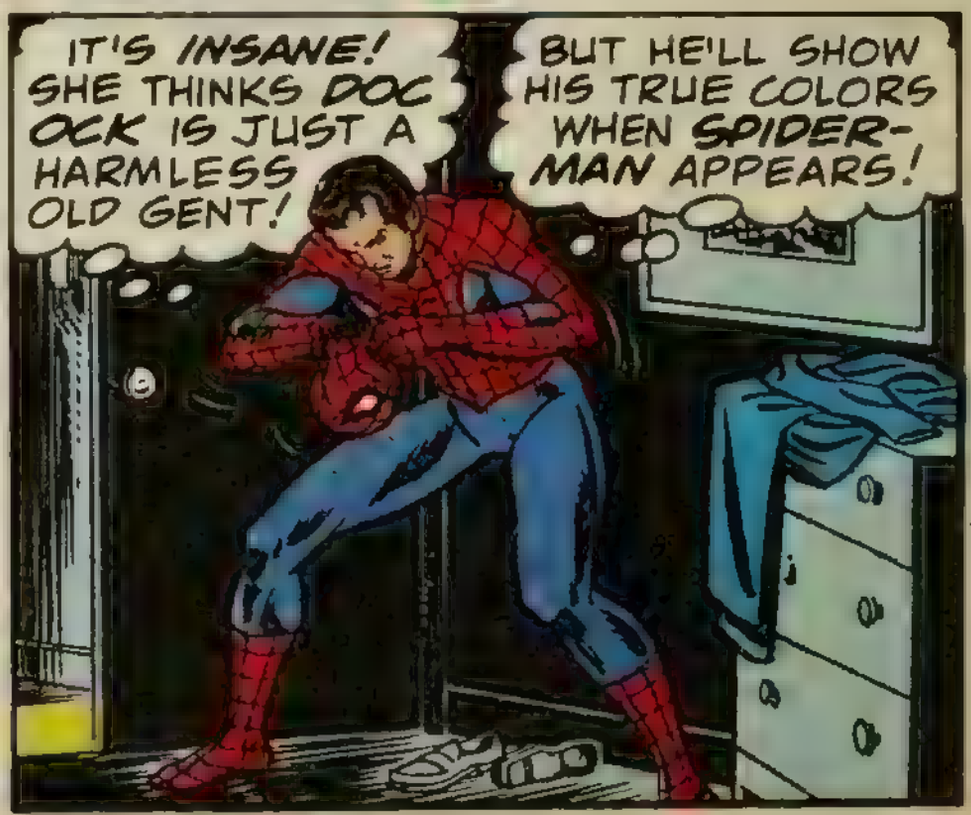

THUMPP!
DOC OCK! WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?

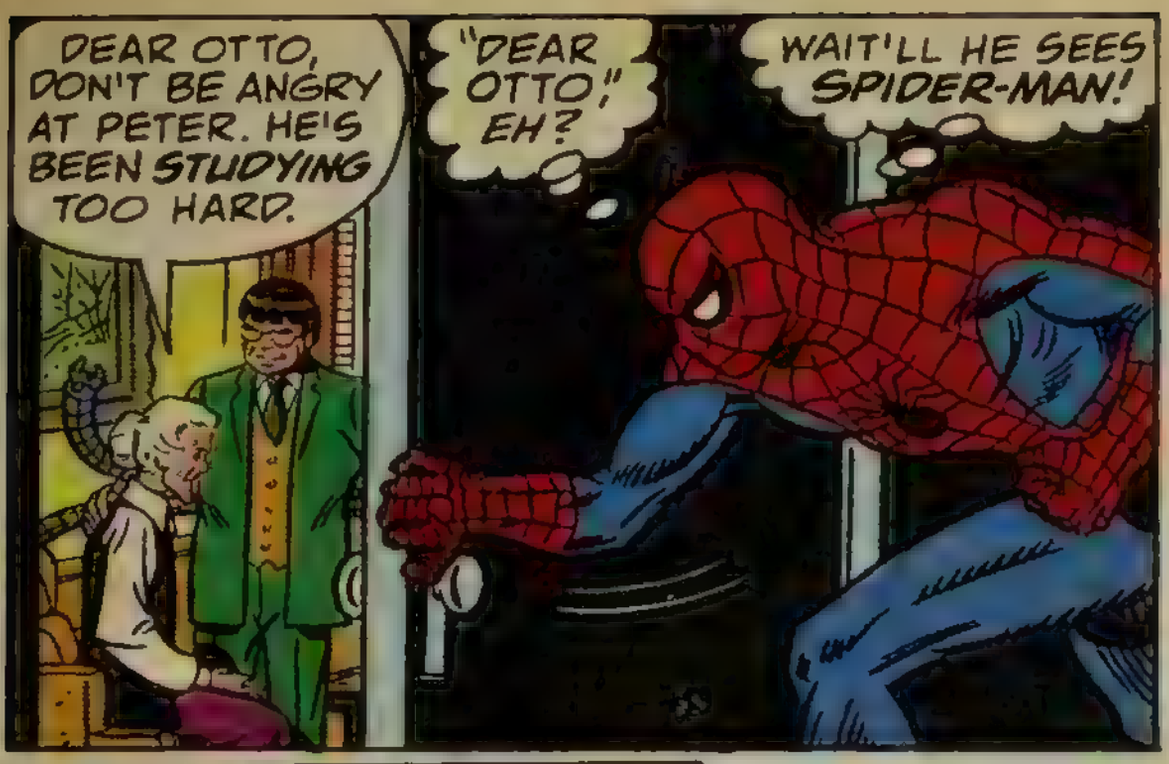
PETER! HAVE YOU GONE MAD?
HER BLASTED NEPHEW! IF HE SUSPECTS MY PLAN-- HE MUST DIE!

SHOCKED AT HEARING THE VOICE OF AN OLD ENEMY, PETER PARKER LEAVES HIS STARTLED DATE AS HE CHARGES INTO THE APARTMENT OF HIS WIDOWED AUNT MAY, TO FIND...
DR. OCTOPUS!
PETER!
I FORGOT ABOUT HER BLASTED NEPHEW!
WHY'D YOU LET HIM IN? DON'T YOU REALIZE WHAT HE IS?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU, BUT I WON'T LET YOU INSULT MY GUEST!
THE MOST DEADLY CRIMINAL ON EARTH--AND SHE CALLS HIM HER GUEST!
ONLY ONE WAY TO PROTECT HER--TO OPEN HER EYES! I'VE GOT TO BECOME SPIDER-MAN!

PETER! I WANT YOU TO APOLOGIZE TO DR. OCTAVIUS!
I-I'LL BE OUT IN A MINUTE, AUNT MAY!


I DON'T KNOW WHAT GOT INTO HIM! HE'S ALWAYS BEEN SUCH A GENTLE BOY!
NOW, NOW, YOU MUSTN'T LET HIM UPSET YOU, MY SWEET!

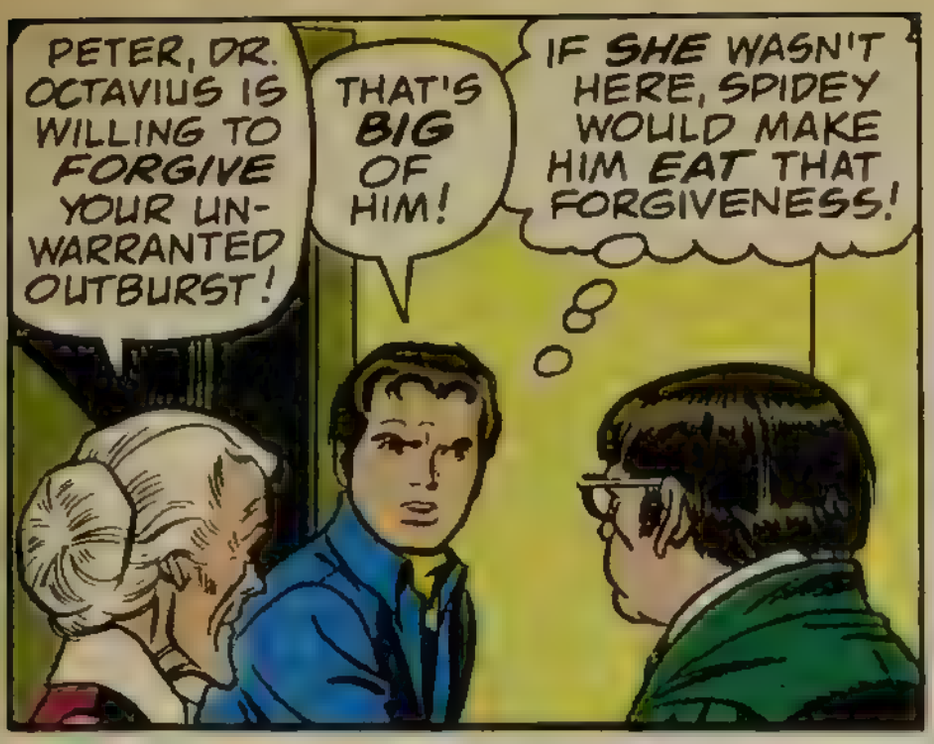

IT'S INSANE! SHE THINKS DOC OCK IS JUST A HARMLESS OLD GENT!
BUT HE'LL SHOW HIS TRUE COLORS WHEN SPIDER-MAN APPEARS!


DEAR OTTO, DON'T BE ANGRY AT PETER. HE'S BEEN STUDYING TOO HARD.
"DEAR OTTO," EH?
WAIT'LL HE SEES SPIDER-MAN!

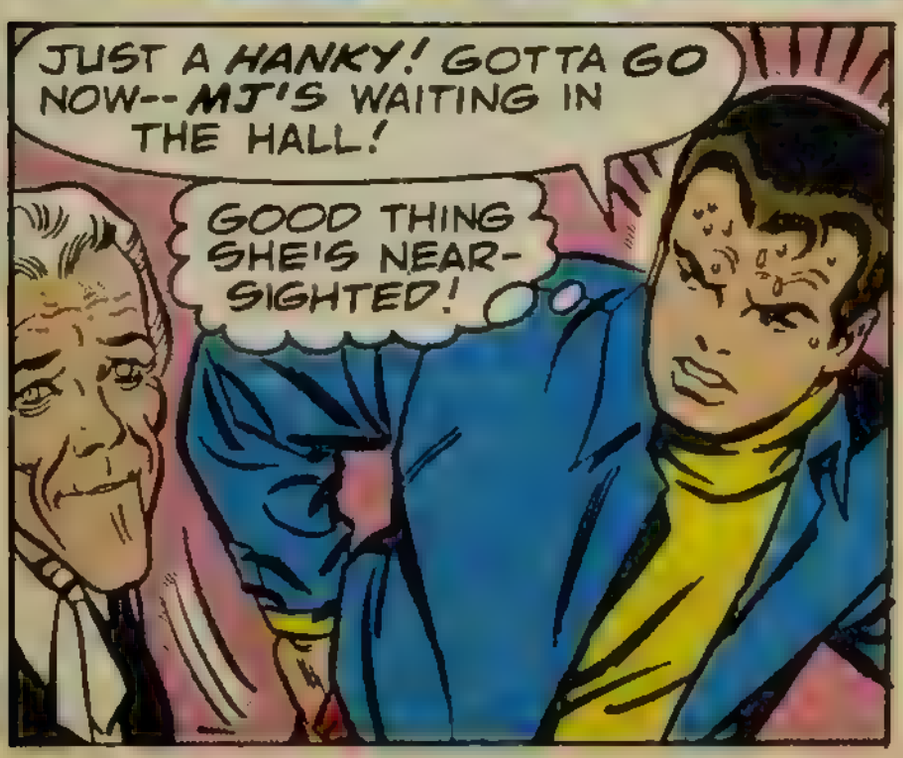
NO! HAVE I LOST MY MARBLES? PETER PARKER WAS THE ONLY ONE IN HERE!
IF SPIDER-MAN LEAPS OUT, THEY'LL KNOW WHO I REALLY AM!

I-I CAN'T DO IT! THE SHOCK WOULD KILL AUNT MAY!

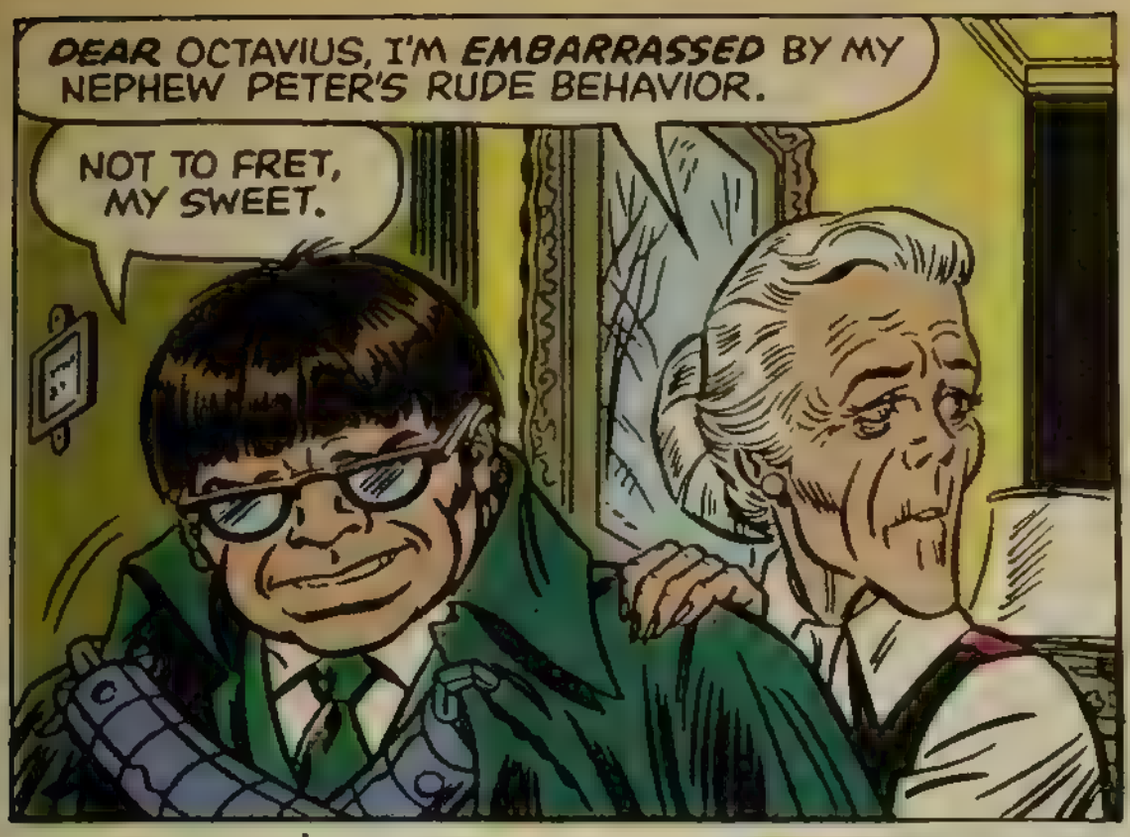
PETER, MARY JANE IS STILL WAITING FOR YOU IN THE HALL.
AND I'M SURE YOU DON'T WANT DR. OCTAVIUS TO LEAVE WITHOUT AN APOLOGY FROM YOU!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THERE?
DON'T COME IN, AUNT MAY! I-I'LL BE OUT IN A SECOND!
CAN'T LET HER SEE MY SPIDER-MAN SUIT!
=WHEW!= AT LEAST MY IDENTITY IS STILL SAFE!

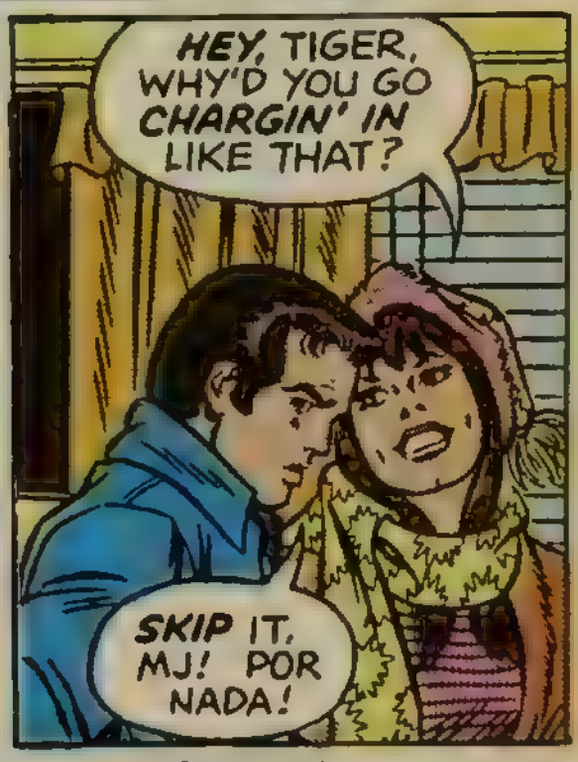

PETER, DR. OCTAVIUS IS WILLING TO FORGIVE YOUR UNWARRANTED OUTBURST!
THAT'S BIG OF HIM!
IF SHE WASN'T HERE, SPIDEY WOULD MAKE HIM EAT THAT FORGIVENESS!

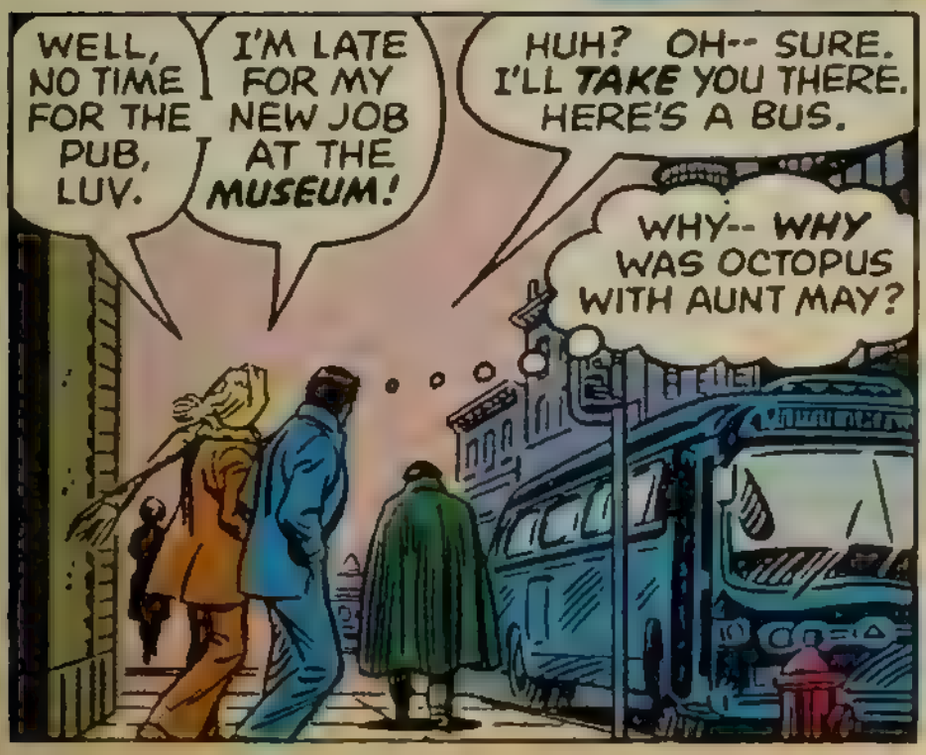
BUT NO ONE MUST EVER KNOW THAT PETER PARKER AND SPIDER-MAN ARE THE SAME--WHA-?!!
OH DEAR! WHAT'S STICKING OUT OF YOUR POCKET?
MY MASK!

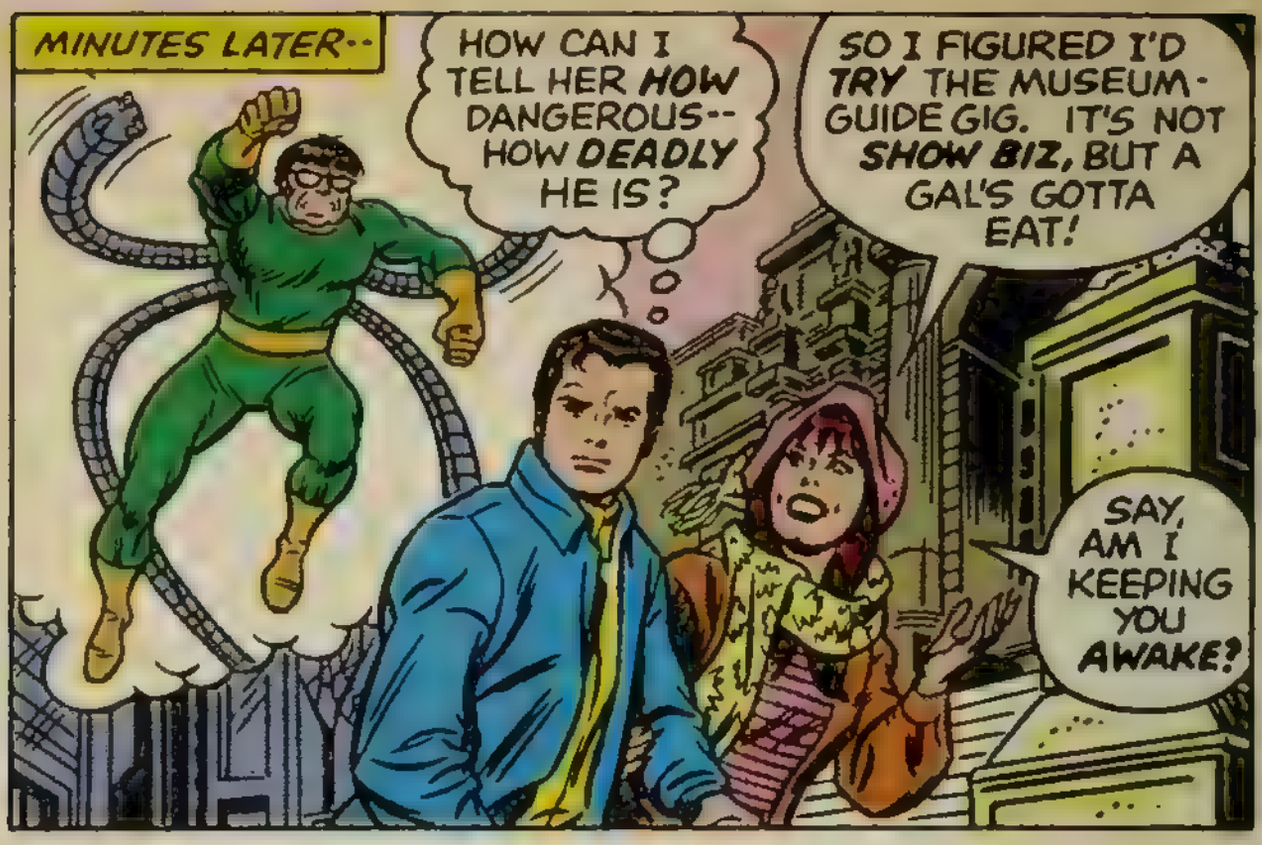

JUST A HANKY! GOTTA GO NOW--MJ'S WAITING IN THE HALL!
GOOD THING SHE'S NEAR-SIGHTED!

DON'T WORRY, MAY, MY SWEET, I'M NOT OFFENDED BY PETER'S HOSTILE ATTITUDE!
I'M AWARE THAT MY, EH, AFFLICTION, MAKES SOME PEOPLE NERVOUS!
BUT THERE'S NO REASON WHY YOUR NEPHEW AND I CAN'T BE THE BEST OF FRIENDS, EH, LAD?
THERE'S ONE REASON-- SPIDER-MAN IS YOUR MORTAL ENEMY!
MIGHT AS WELL GET USED TO ME, PETER. I INTEND TO SEE A LOT OF YOUR CHARMING AUNT MAY!


DEAR OCTAVIUS, I'M EMBARRASSED BY MY NEPHEW PETER'S RUDE BEHAVIOR.
NOT TO FRET, MY SWEET.


HEY, TIGER, WHY'D YOU GO CHARGIN' IN LIKE THAT?
SKIP IT, MJ! POR NADA!


WELL, NO TIME FOR THE PUB, LUV.
I'M LATE FOR MY NEW JOB AT THE MUSEUM!
HUH? OH-- SURE. I'LL TAKE YOU THERE. HERE'S A BUS.
WHY-- WHY WAS OCTOPUS WITH AUNT MAY?


MINUTES LATER--
HOW CAN I TELL HER HOW DANGEROUS-- HOW DEADLY HE IS?
SO I FIGURED I'D TRY THE MUSEUM-GUIDE GIG. IT'S NOT SHOW BIZ, BUT A GAL'S GOTTA EAT!
SAY, AM I KEEPING YOU AWAKE?

SORRY, MJ. WHAT DID YOU SAY?
YOU EXPECT ME TO REPEAT THOSE PRICE-LESS PEARLS OF WISDOM?
THERE SHE IS! MISS WATSON-- WE'RE WAITING!

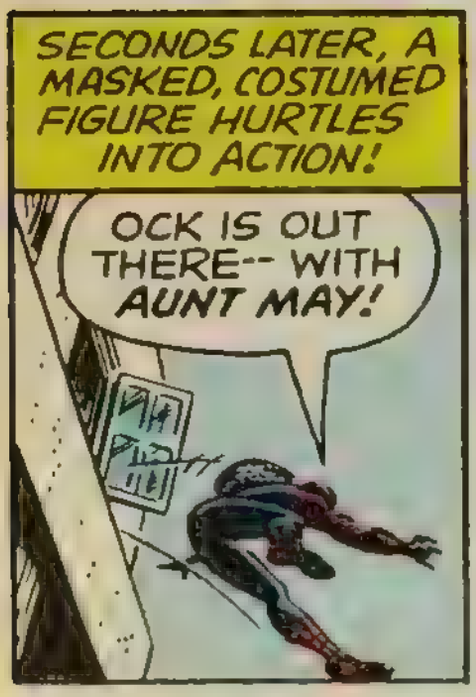
WE EXPECT A HUGE TURN-OUT FOR THE NEW CHINESE TREASURES EXHIBIT. HERE'S YOUR HAND MIKE AND UNIFORM.
GOTTA DASH, PETEY. IT'S SHOW TIME!

WISH I COULD CATCH HER SPIEL MYSELF. BUT NOT WITH DOC OCK ON THE LOOSE!
THERE MUST BE SOME MOTIVE-- SOME MAD REASON FOR HIS SUDDEN APPEARANCE!

CAN'T RISK LEAVING MY STREET CLOTHES HERE. I'LL WEB 'EM ONTO MY BACK!

NOW, ALL I HAVE TO DO IS PICK UP OCK'S TRAIL.
SHOULDN'T TAKE LONG-- IN A CITY OF ONLY TEN MILLION!
THWIP!

WHILE IRREPRESSIBLE MARY JANE WATSON DOES HER THING AS MUSEUM GUIDE, A WORRIED PETER PARKER EAGERLY TAKES HIS LEAVE...
OKAY, CULTURE FANS, HERE'S WHERE IT'S AT.
GOTTA SPLIT! CAN'T LET TRAIL OF DR. OCTOPUS GROW COLD!


SECONDS LATER, A MASKED, COSTUMED FIGURE HURTLES INTO ACTION!
OCK IS OUT THERE-- WITH AUNT MAY!

SHE DOESN'T SUSPECT HOW DANGEROUS HE IS!

I'LL STASH MY CLOTHES-- SO I CAN TRAVEL LIGHT!
'CAUSE EVERY SECOND COUNTS!

DOC OCK IS OUT THERE-- SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY!

AND AUNT MAY IS WITH HIM!

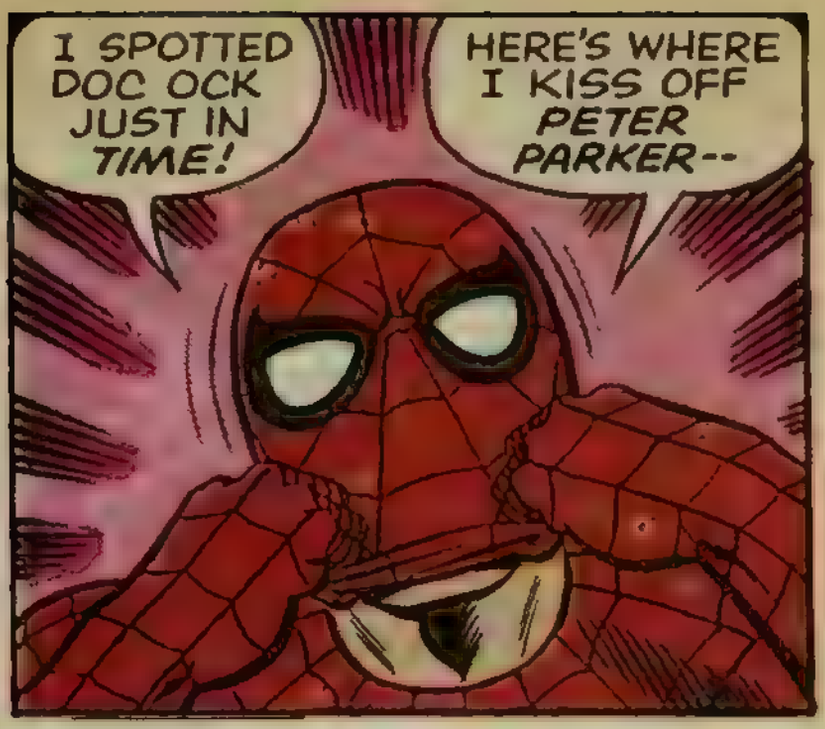
I'VE GOT TO FIND THEM-- LEARN WHAT HE'S UP TO!
BUT HOW? I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN!

I SHOULD HAVE PLANTED MY SPIDEY TRACER ON HIM BEFORE!
SHEESH! SOMETIMES I WONDER IF I'M REALLY CUT OUT FOR THIS KINDA WORK!

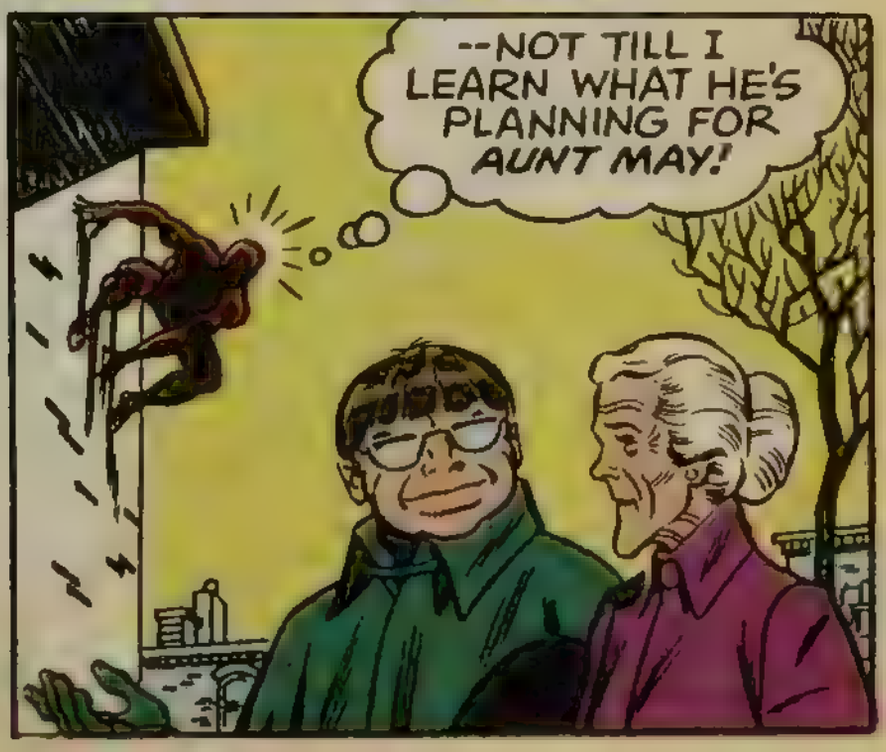
I'VE BEEN SWINGING AROUND TOWN FOR HOURS-- BUT NO SIGN OF DOC OCK!
MIGHT AS WELL PICK UP MY SUIT FROM WHERE I WEBBED IT, AND-- HEY!
IT'S GONE!
MY WEBBING MUST HAVE DISSOLVED-- AND IT FELL--
UH OH! THOSE GARBAGE MEN HAVE IT!
N.Y.C.
NOT BAD! THESE THREADS ARE ALMOST NEW!
OH, NO! MY I.D.'S IN THE POCKET!
N.Y.C.

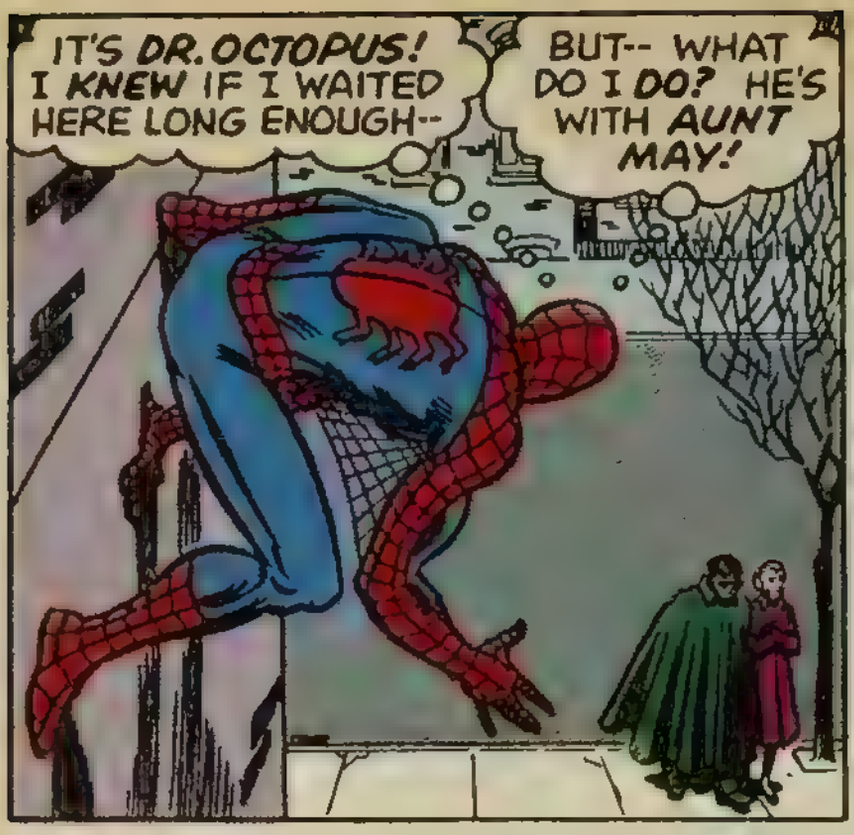
HEY, THOSE CLOTHES CAN WAIT! GIMME A HAND, WILL YA?
NOW'S MY CHANCE!
OKAY, MAN.
D.S. N.Y.
WHY WOULD SOME YO-YO DUMP AN ALMOST NEW SUIT?
DUNNO. MAYBE WE'RE ON CANDID CAMERA!
D.S. N.Y.
HEY, MAN, IF THOSE THREADS DON'T FIT YOU, I'LL-- WHAT'S WRONG?
THEY'RE GONE!

THIS EVENING WAS A REAL BUST! NOT A TRACE OF DOC OCK!
MIGHT AS WELL BECOME PETER PARKER AGAIN-- FOR ALL THE GOOD SPIDER-MAN DID!
MAN, I'D BE OUT OF BUSINESS WITHOUT WRINKLE-FREE DOUBLE KNITS!
HEY! WHY'S MY SPIDEY SENSE TINGLING?
AUNT MAY! AND DOC OCK!
AFTER ALL MY SEARCHING, HE'S WALKING RIGHT INTO MY ARMS!


I SPOTTED DOC OCK JUST IN TIME!
HERE'S WHERE I KISS OFF PETER PARKER--

--SO THAT SPIDEY CAN GO INTO HIS ACT!
THERE'S NO WAY I'M LOSING THAT TURKEY AGAIN!

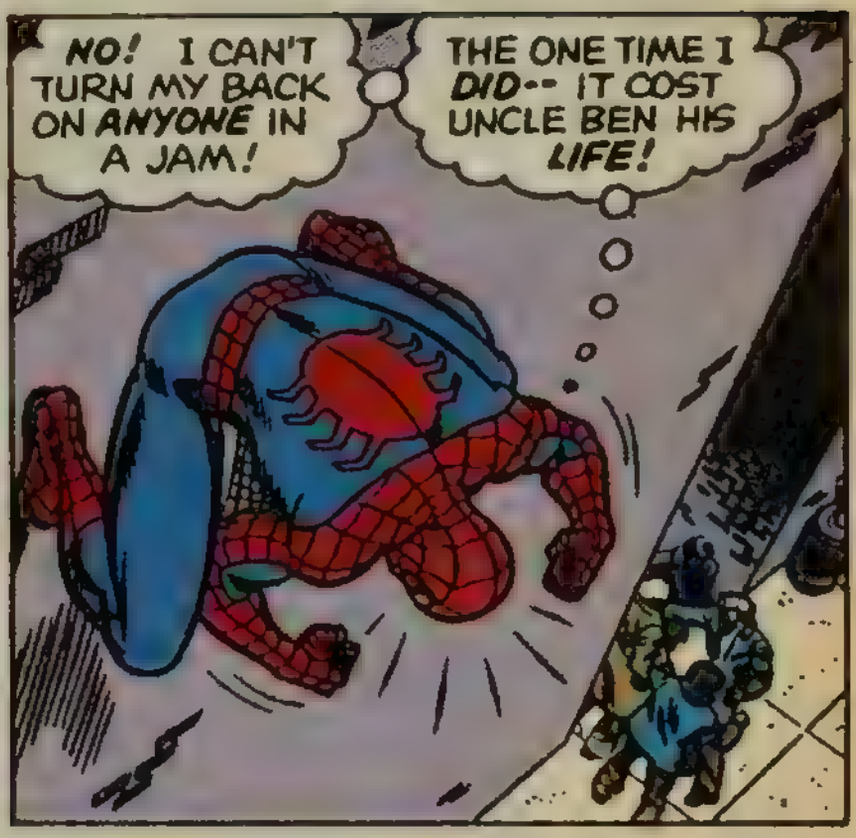

--NOT TILL I LEARN WHAT HE'S PLANNING FOR AUNT MAY!

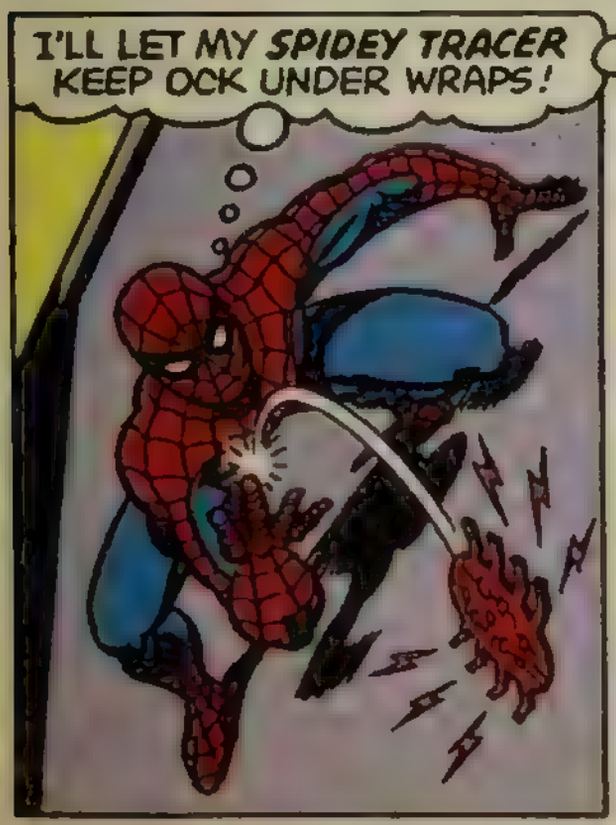

IT'S DR. OCTOPUS! I KNEW IF I WAITED HERE LONG ENOUGH--
BUT-- WHAT DO I DO? HE'S WITH AUNT MAY!

OTTO!-- ISN'T THAT-- A MUGGING?
OF COURSE NOT, MY SWEET. MERELY AN EVERYDAY BIG CITY TABLEAU.
YOU HAVE SUCH A WAY WITH WORDS.

NOW COME, MY PRETTY. WE DON'T WANT TO MISS THE NEW MUSEUM EXHIBIT!
THOSE YELLOW PUNKS-- HASSLIN' A FRIGHTENED OLD MAN!

WELL, IT'S NOT MY PROBLEM! DOC OCK'S ENOUGH TO COPE WITH!

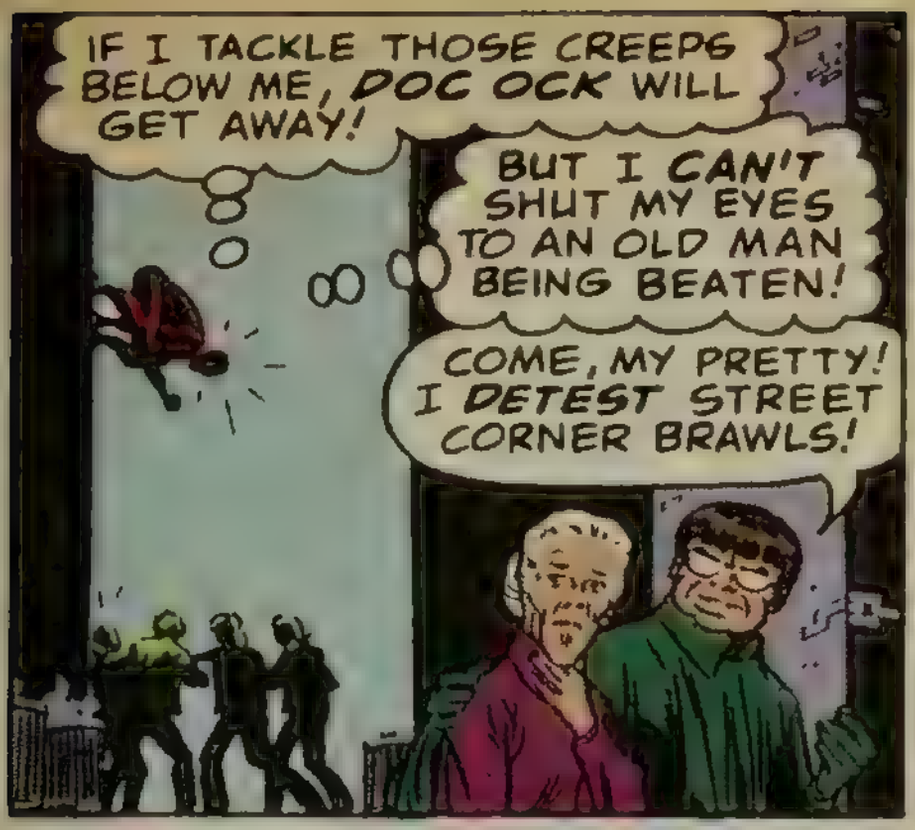

NO! I CAN'T TURN MY BACK ON ANYONE IN A JAM!
THE ONE TIME I DID-- IT COST UNCLE BEN HIS LIFE!

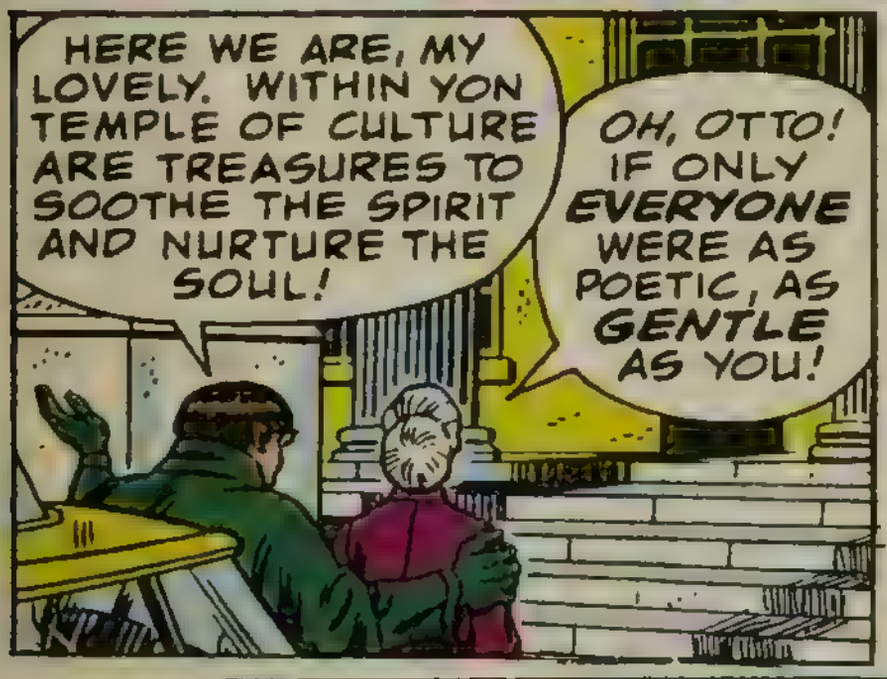

I'LL LET MY SPIDEY TRACER KEEP OCK UNDER WRAPS!

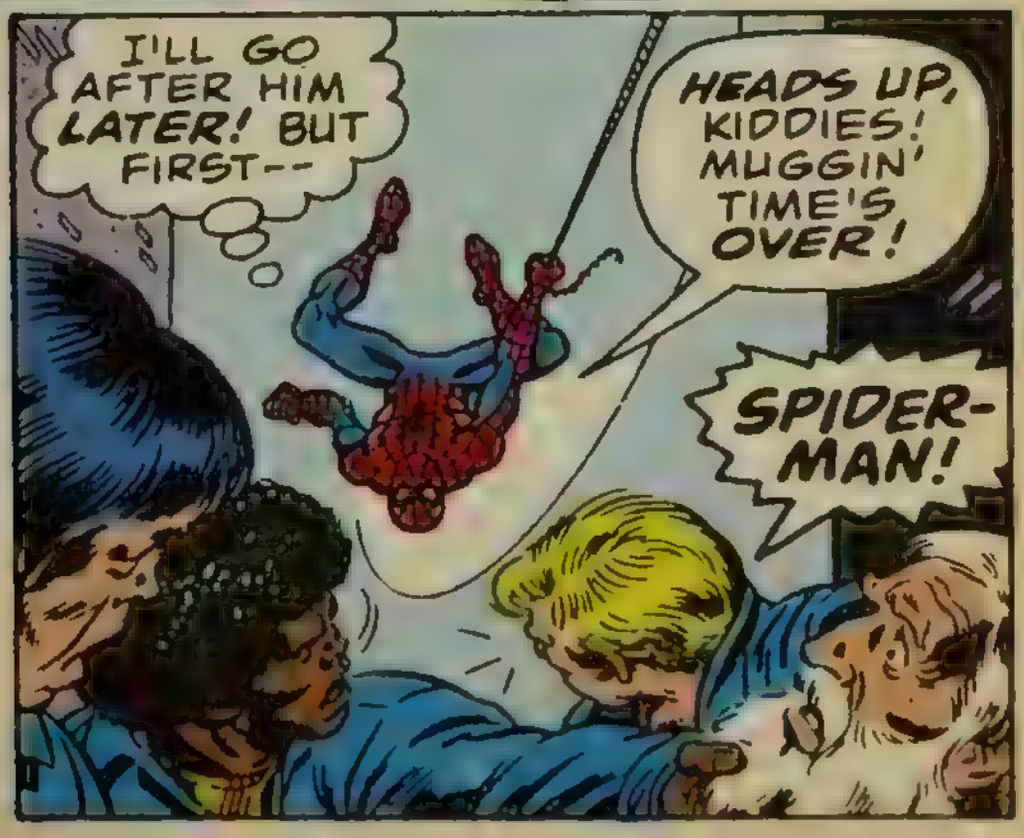
SO LONG AS IT CLINGS TO HIM I'LL BE ABLE TO ZERO IN AT WILL!

HI, GUYS-- MIND IF I JOIN THE PARTY?
SPIDER-MAN!
AW, SOMEONE TOLD YOU!

THEY SAY THE CHINESE IDOL ON EXHIBIT THIS WEEK IS PRACTICALLY PRICELESS!
INDEED, MY LOVELY. I'M SURE WE SHALL BOTH FIND IT-- VERY INTERESTING!


IF I TACKLE THOSE CREEPS BELOW ME, DOC OCK WILL GET AWAY!
BUT I CAN'T SHUT MY EYES TO AN OLD MAN BEING BEATEN!
COME, MY PRETTY! I DETEST STREET CORNER BRAWLS!


HERE WE ARE, MY LOVELY. WITHIN YON TEMPLE OF CULTURE ARE TREASURES TO SOOTHE THE SPIRIT AND NURTURE THE SOUL!
OH, OTTO! IF ONLY EVERYONE WERE AS POETIC, AS GENTLE AS YOU!

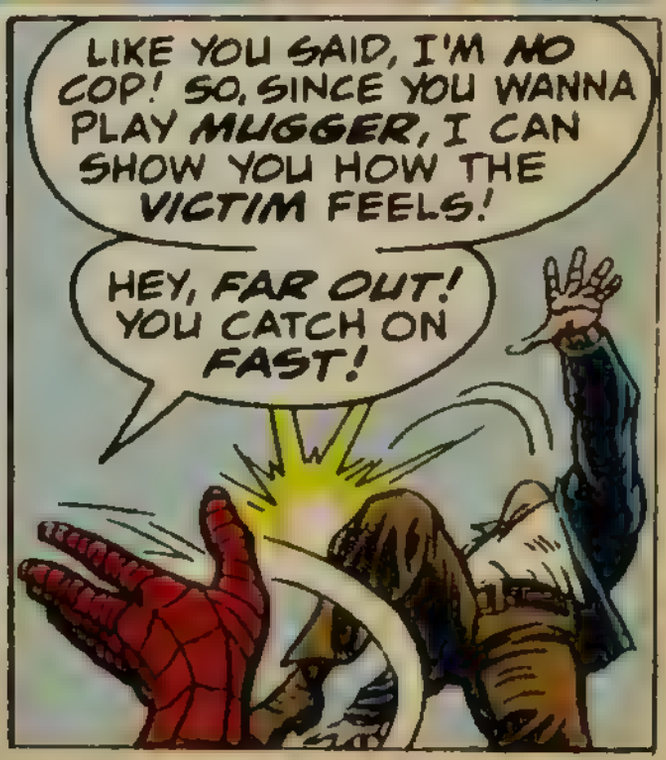

I'LL GO AFTER HIM LATER! BUT FIRST--
HEADS UP, KIDDIES! MUGGIN' TIME'S OVER!
SPIDER-MAN!

HEY, GUYS-- I HATE TO INTERRUPT A MERRY LITTLE MUGGING, BUT IT GETS AWFULLY LONELY UP HERE!
HE-HE'S LIFTIN' US UP-- LIKE WE'RE NOTHING!
AN APT DESCRIPTION, CHARLIE! YOU'RE REAL PERCEPTIVE FOR A FULL TIME YELLOW-BELLY!
THAT'S IT, MISTER-- CLEAR OUT! I'LL KEEP THESE YO-YO'S BUSY!
WOW! LOOK WHO'S GONNA SQUASH HIS FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN!
BELIEVE IT, TURKEY!

HEY, MAN --YOU'RE MAKIN' ME FEEL UN-WANTED!
EVEN SPIDER-MAN CAN'T FIGHT BACK WHEN HIS HANDS AIN'T FREE!
GLAD YOU TOLD ME, SEYMOUR--

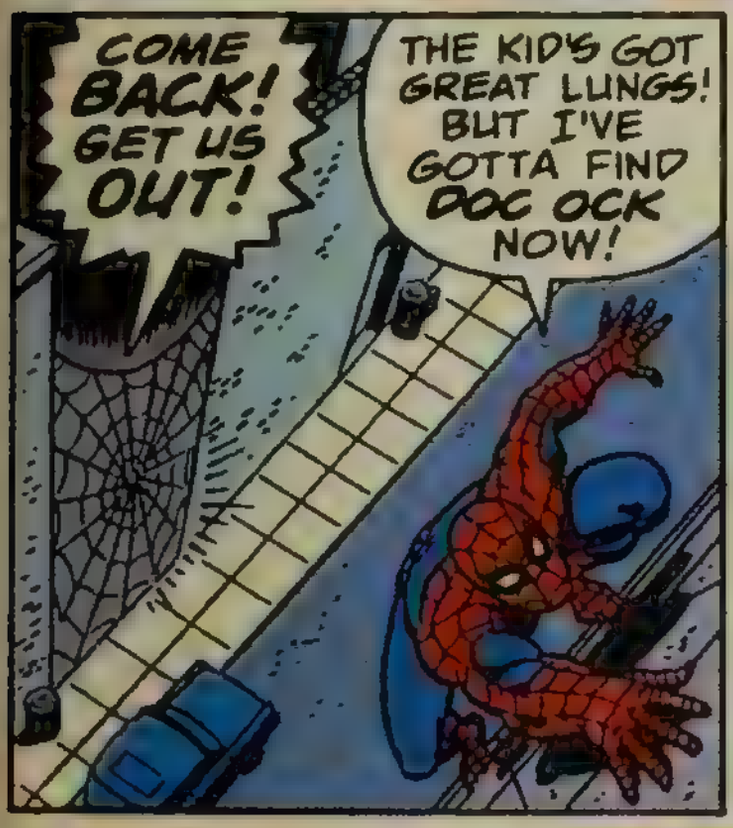
OTHERWISE, I MIGHT HAVE TRIED SOME-THING FOOLISH --LIKE THIS!
SPKTHUNK!

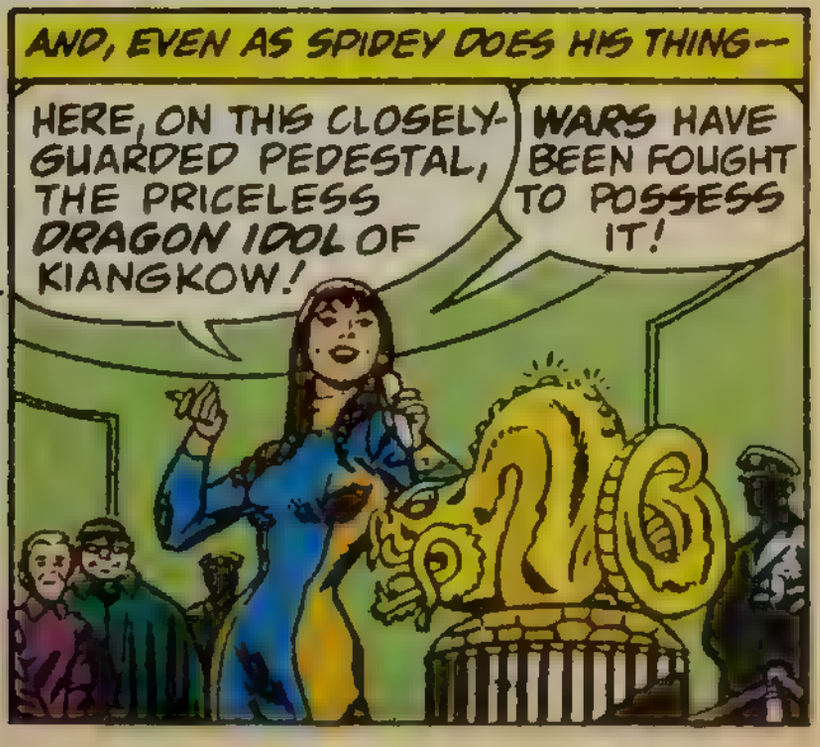
OKAY, OKAY! YOU'RE A REAL PISTOL! SO WHAT? YOU AIN'T THE FUZZ! ANYWAY, WE'RE UNDER 18! THE LAW WON'T CLAMP DOWN ON MINORS!
YOU'RE LOVELY WHEN YOU'RE MAD!


LIKE YOU SAID, I'M NO COP! SO, SINCE YOU WANNA PLAY MUGGER, I CAN SHOW YOU HOW THE VICTIM FEELS!
HEY, FAR OUT! YOU CATCH ON FAST!

ALRIGHT, PLAYMATES, YOU CAN TAKE OFF NOW. BUT IF YOU EVER TRY ANOTHER MUGGING--!
HEY! DON'T I GET ANY THANKS FOR THE LESSON?
YOU GET NOTHIN', YA MASKED PUNK!
AT OUR AGE, ALL THE LAW CAN DO IS SLAP OUR WRISTS-- AN' YOU KNOW IT!
TOO BAD, FLEA BRAIN-- YOU JUST FLUNKED THE COURSE!
THWIPP!

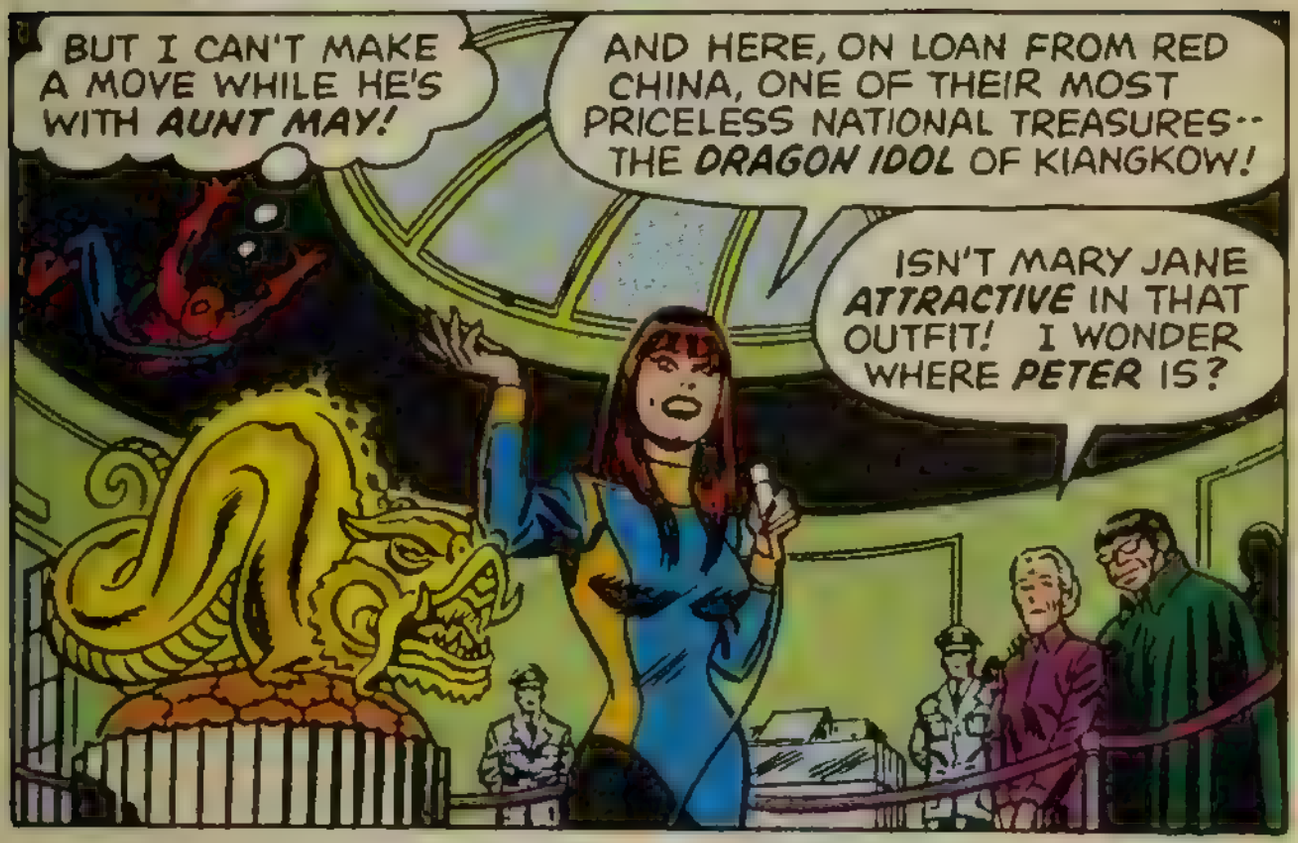
SINCE YOU STILL THINK YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH CRIME JUST 'CAUSE YOU'RE MINORS--
I'LL JUST HAVE TO WASTE MORE WEB-FLUID ON YOU!
IF YOU KNEW WHAT THIS STUFF COSTS!
HEY, MAN-- THAT WEB'S UNBREAK-ABLE!


COME BACK! GET US OUT!
THE KID'S GOT GREAT LUNGS! BUT I'VE GOTTA FIND DOC OCK NOW!


AND, EVEN AS SPIDEY DOES HIS THING--
HERE, ON THIS CLOSELY-GUARDED PEDESTAL, THE PRICELESS DRAGON IDOL OF KIANGKOW!
WARS HAVE BEEN FOUGHT TO POSSESS IT!

DOC OCK MUST STILL BE WEARING THE SPIDEY TRACER I PLANTED ON HIM!
I CAN FEEL ITS EMANATIONS LEADING ME TO HIM!
THE FEELING GETS STRONGER--THE CLOSER I GET TO THE MUSEUM!
THAT MUST BE WHERE HE IS-- BUT WHY?
I WAS RIGHT! HE'S THERE WITH AUNT MAY!
HE'S SURROUNDED BY TREASURES! BUT WHAT CAN HE DO, WITH HER AT HIS SIDE?

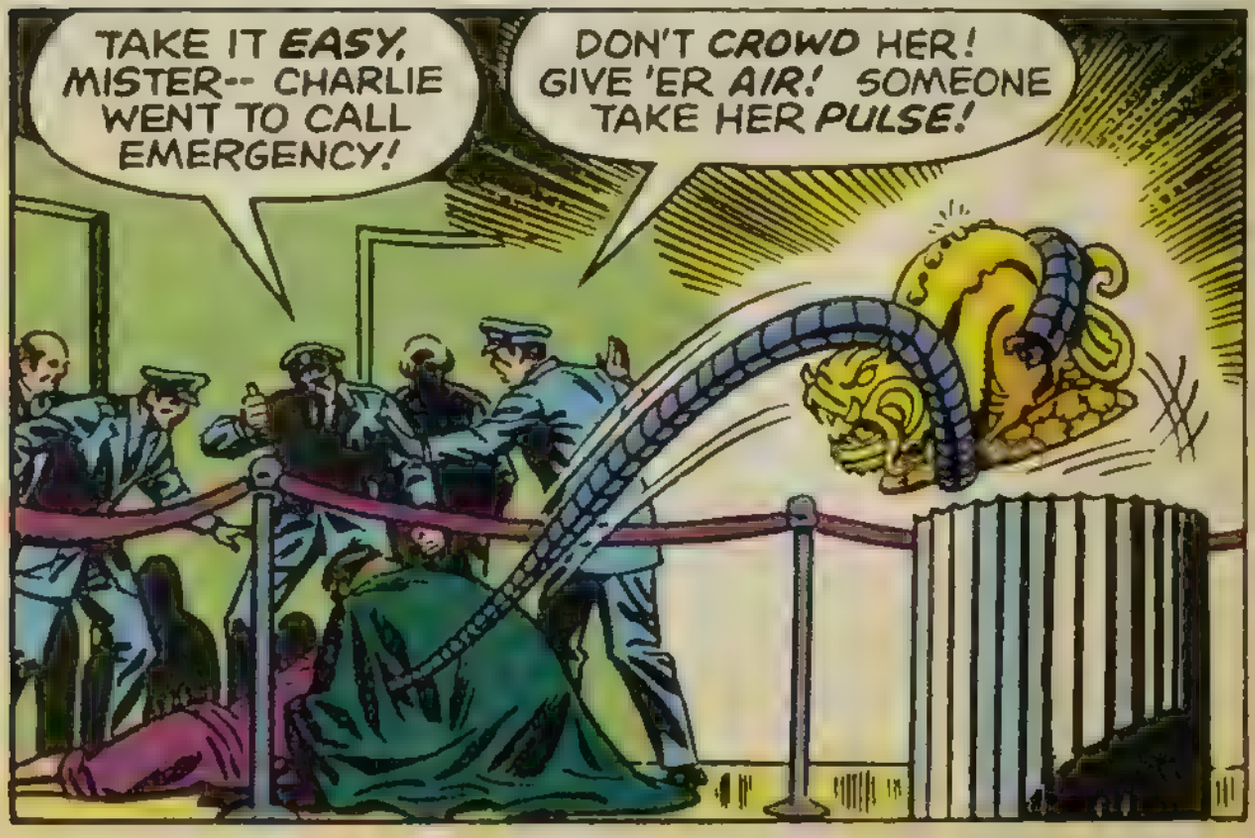
WHATEVER DOC OCK IS AFTER-- IT'S IN THIS *MUSEUM!*

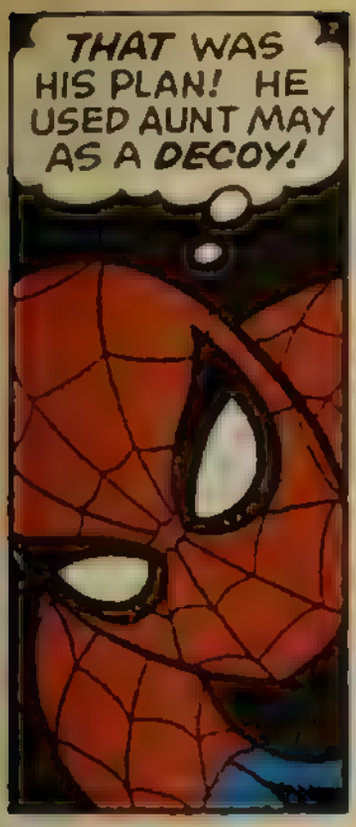

BUT I CAN'T MAKE A MOVE WHILE HE'S WITH *AUNT MAY!*
AND HERE, ON LOAN FROM RED CHINA, ONE OF THEIR MOST PRICELESS NATIONAL TREASURES-- THE *DRAGON IDOL* OF KIANGKOW!
ISN'T MARY JANE *ATTRACTIVE* IN THAT OUTFIT! I WONDER WHERE *PETER* IS?

YOUR NEPHEW COULD *NEVER* APPRECIATE THE BEAUTY OF THAT GOLDEN *MASTERPIECE.*
IT *IS* NICE, OTTO

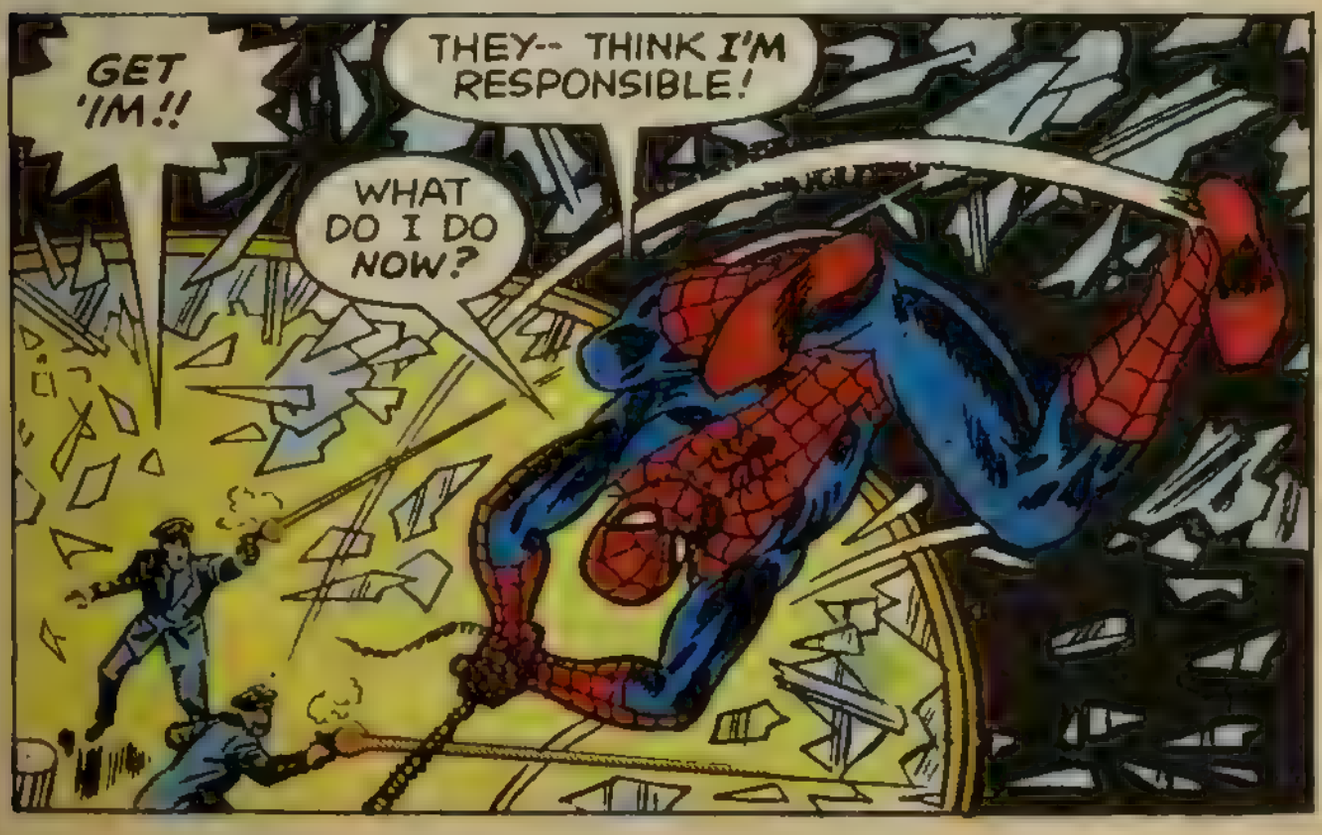
THERE! JUST THE SLIGHTEST PRESSURE ON THE PROPER NERVE, AND--
OH!
SLEEP TIGHT, MY DEAR!

HEY, WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT'S WRONG?
THE LADY COLLAPSED!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE, YOU CLODS! GET AN AMBULANCE!

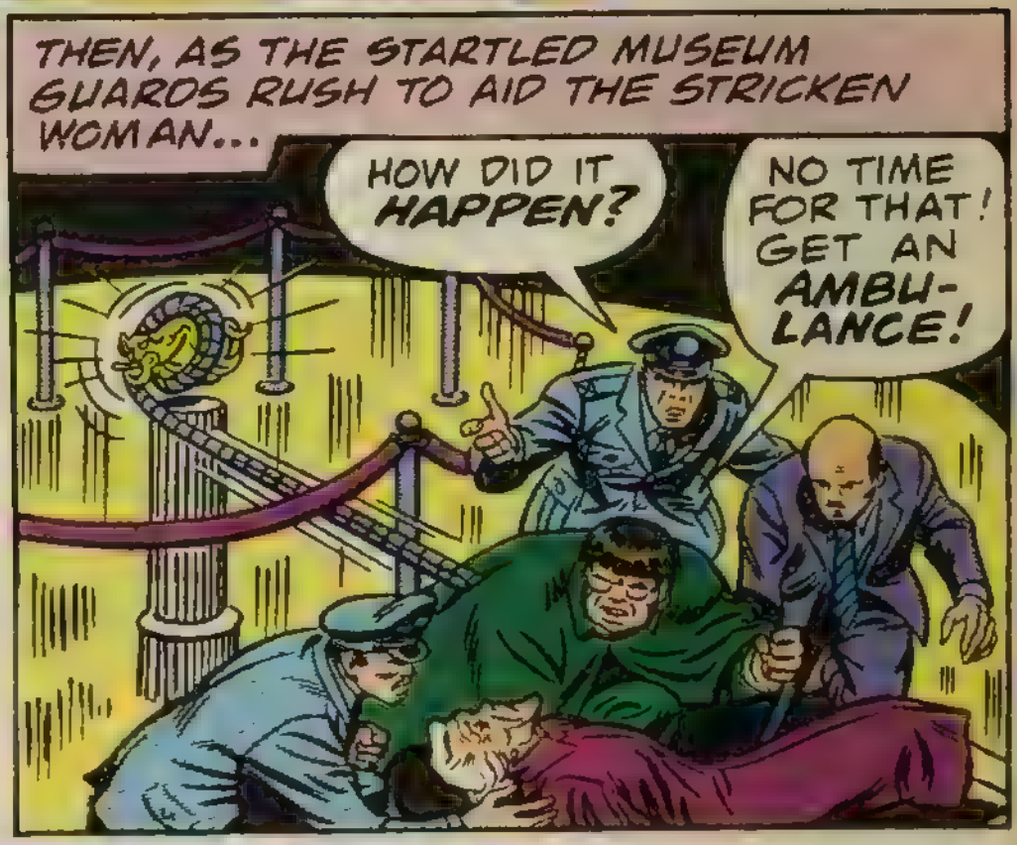

TAKE IT EASY, MISTER-- CHARLIE WENT TO CALL EMERGENCY!
DON'T CROWD HER! GIVE 'ER AIR! SOMEONE TAKE HER PULSE!

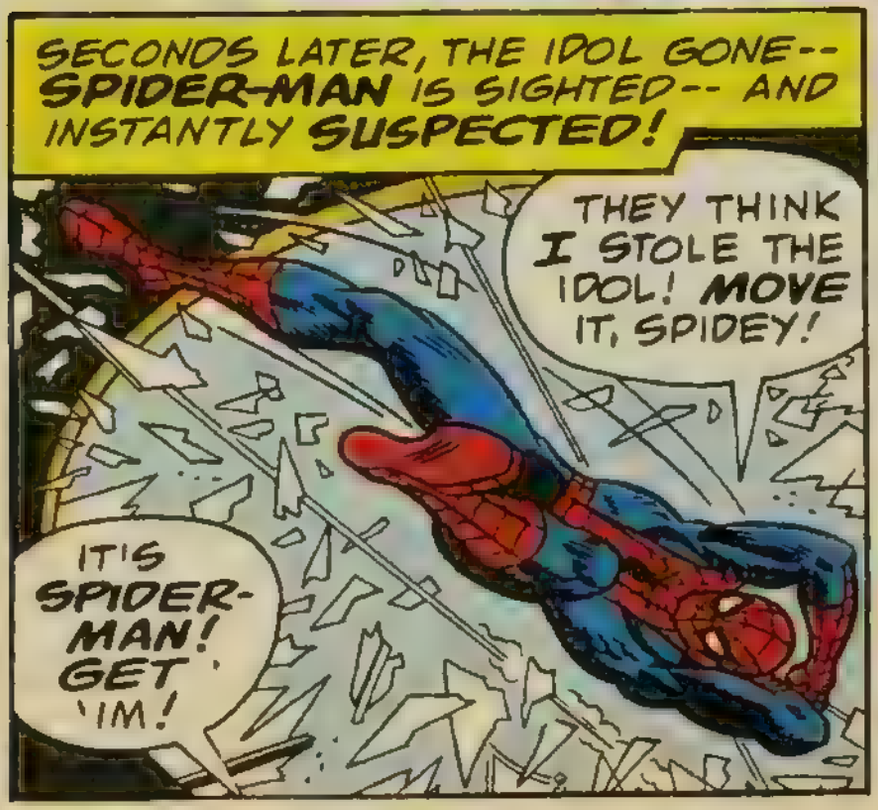

THAT WAS HIS PLAN! HE USED AUNT MAY AS A DECOY!

BUT WHAT DID HE DO TO HER? IS SHE ALL RIGHT? I'VE GOT TO-- WHA--?!!
THE IDOL-- IT'S GONE!
UP THERE-- SPIDER-MAN!
HE DID IT!


GET 'IM!!
THEY-- THINK I'M RESPONSIBLE!
WHAT DO I DO NOW?

AS PETER PARKER'S WIDOWED AUNT MAY ADMIRES THE GOLDEN IDOL OF KIANGKOW, A METAL TENTACLE SILENTLY REACHES OUT--
I DID IT! I TOUCHED THE PROPER NERVE!
OH!


THEN, AS THE STARTLED MUSEUM GUARDS RUSH TO AID THE STRICKEN WOMAN...
HOW DID IT HAPPEN?
NO TIME FOR THAT! GET AN AMBU-LANCE!


SECONDS LATER, THE IDOL GONE-- SPIDER-MAN IS SIGHTED-- AND INSTANTLY SUSPECTED!
THEY THINK I STOLE THE IDOL! MOVE IT, SPIDEY!
IT'S SPIDER-MAN! GET 'IM!

DOC OCK STOLE THE GOLDEN IDOL-- BUT I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO SAW HIM!
FAT LOTTA GOOD THAT'LL DO ME!

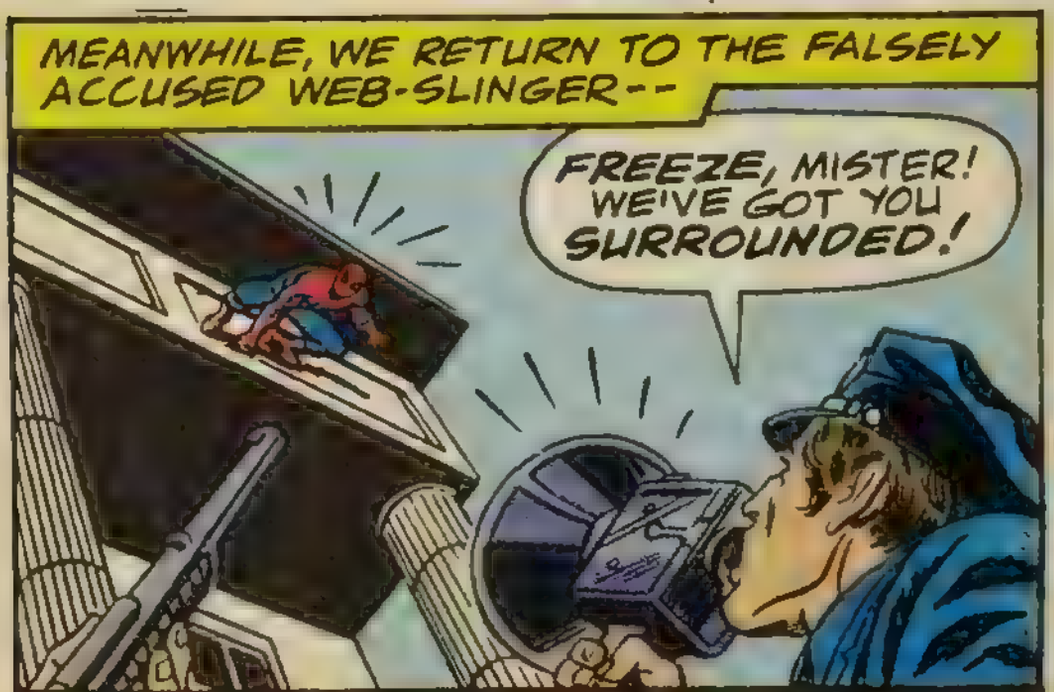
NOBODY'LL TAKE MY WORD FOR IT--
SINCE THE COPS THINK I'M THE THIEF!
-WHEW!- I CUT OUTTA THERE JUST IN TIME!

THE IDOL'S GONE! SPIDER-MAN TOOK IT!
THERE'S STILL TIME! WE'LL SEAL OFF THE STREETS!
POLICE

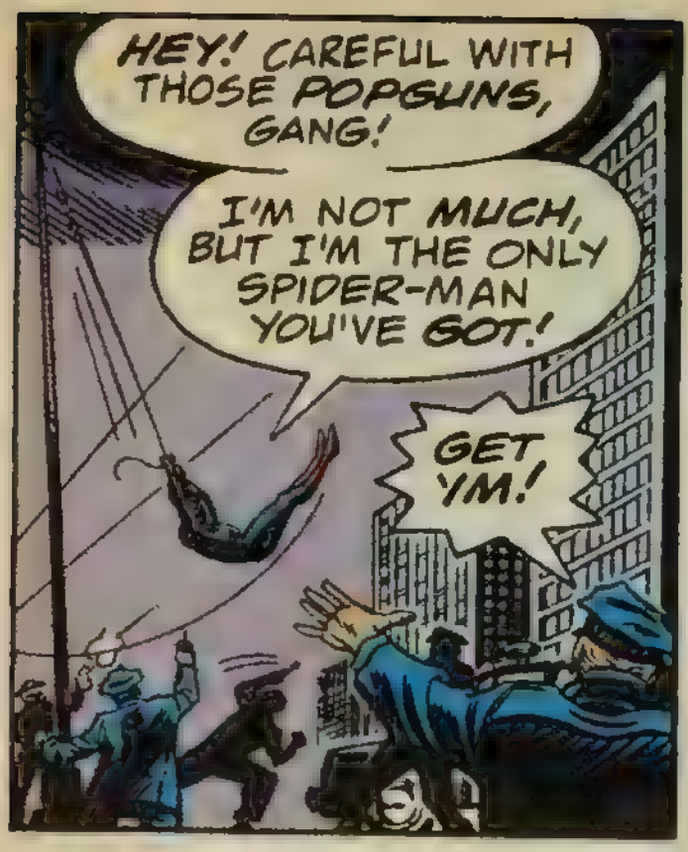
MRS. PARKER? WOW! SHE'S STILL UN-CONSCIOUS!
THE EXCITEMENT WAS TOO MUCH FOR HER! IT ISN'T EVERY DAY ONE SEES A PRICE-LESS IDOL STOLEN BY SPIDER-MAN!

WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE-- AM I?

WE'RE IN THE MUSEUM, MY LOVELY! YOU FAINTED WHEN YOU SAW SPIDER-MAN STEAL THE GOLDEN IDOL!
I-I SAW THAT?
YOU MUST TRY TO REMEMBER!

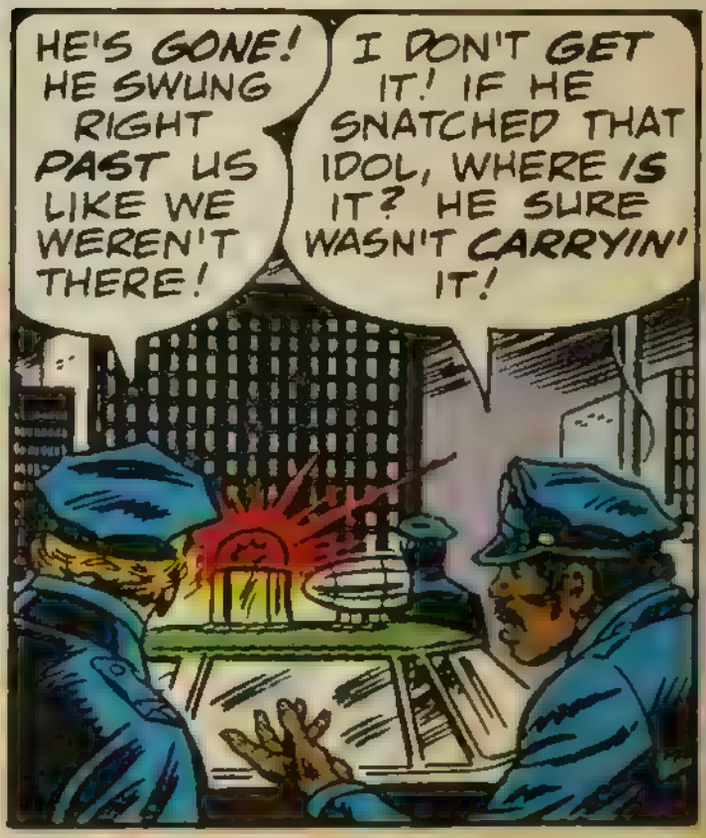

MEANWHILE, WE RETURN TO THE FALSELY ACCUSED WEB-SLINGER--
FREEZE, MISTER! WE'VE GOT YOU SURROUNDED!

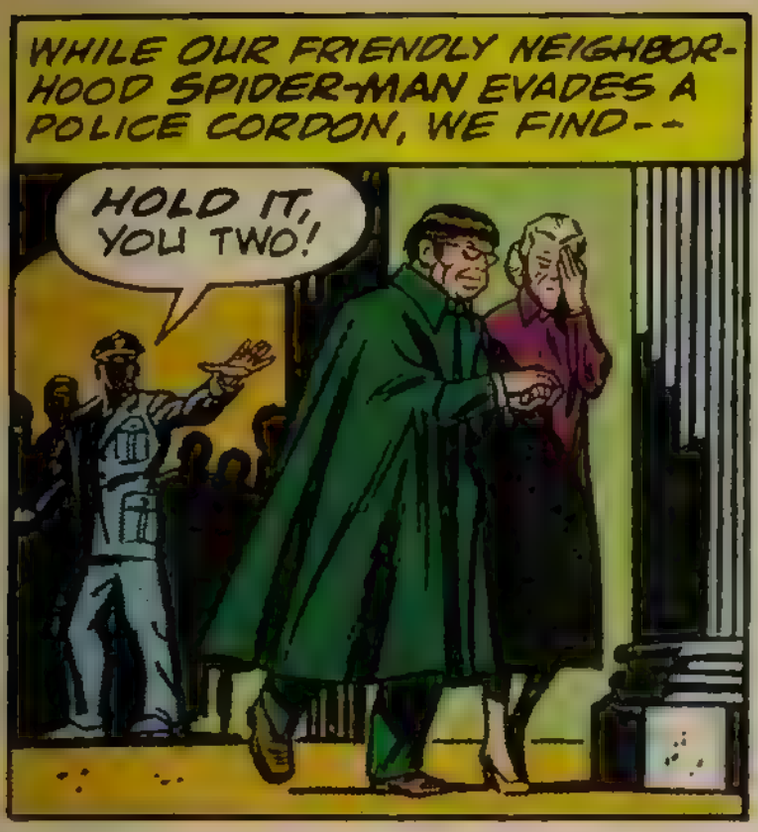
YOU HAVEN'T A PRAYER, WALL-CRAWLER! THE STREET'S CORDONED OFF!
GIVE UP-- WHILE YOU CAN!
YOUR LOGIC IS FLAWLESS, GUYS!
BUT SURRENDERING IS SUCH A TACKY THING TO DO!
FTIK!
THWIPP!
BESIDES, I CAN USE A LITTLE WORKOUT!
HEADS UP, TIGERS! IT'S WEB-SWINGIN' TIME!


HEY! CAREFUL WITH THOSE POPGUNS, GANG!
I'M NOT MUCH, BUT I'M THE ONLY SPIDER-MAN YOU'VE GOT!
GET 'IM!

SOMETIMES I FEEL MY LITTLE BON MOTS ARE WASTED ON THOSE GUYS!

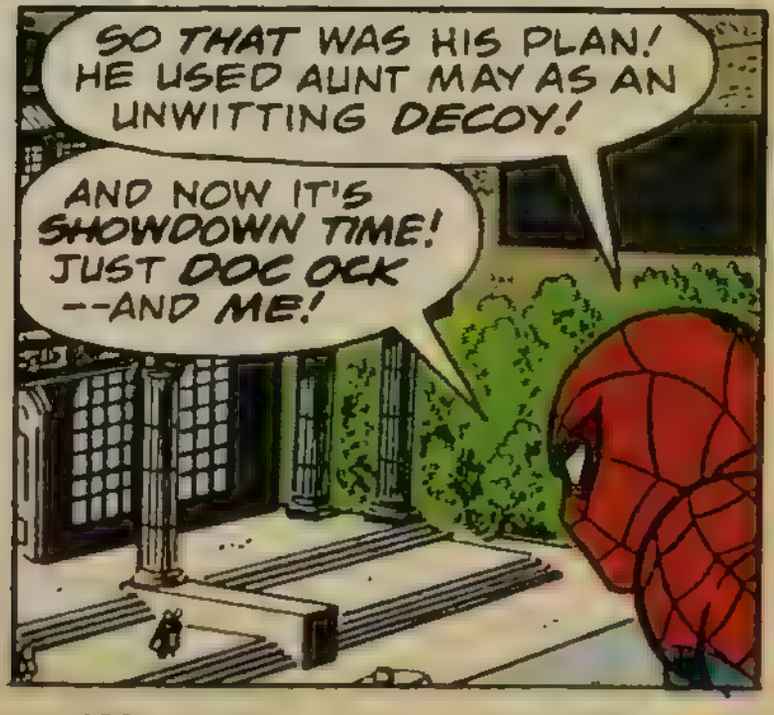
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND THEIR HOSTILITY! I THINK I'M ADORABLE!

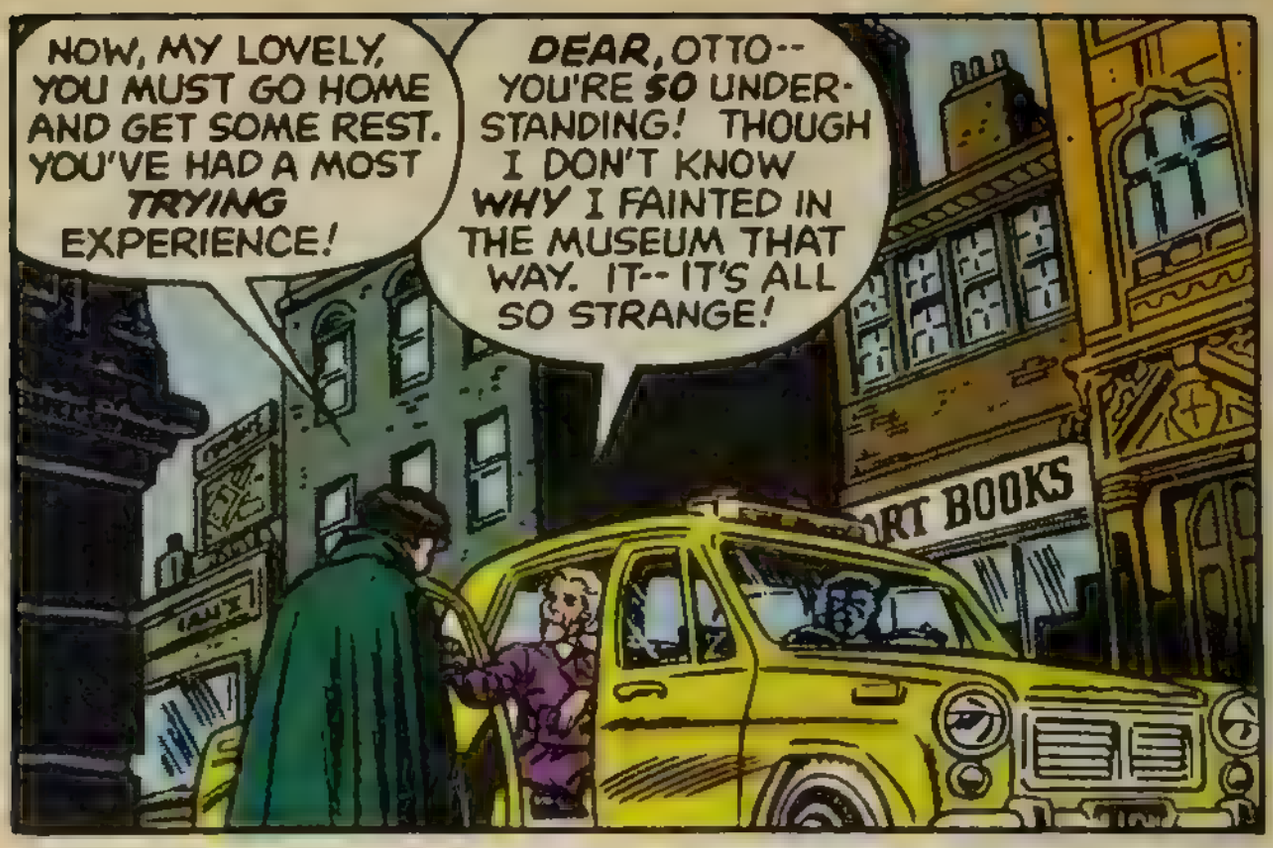

HE'S GONE! HE SWUNG RIGHT PAST US LIKE WE WEREN'T THERE!
I DON'T GET IT! IF HE SNATCHED THAT IDOL, WHERE IS IT? HE SURE WASN'T CARRYIN' IT!


WHILE OUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR-HOOD SPIDER-MAN EVADES A POLICE CORDON, WE FIND--
HOLD IT, YOU TWO!

NOBODY'S SUPPOSED TO LEAVE THE MUSEUM TILL THE CAPTAIN SAYS SO.

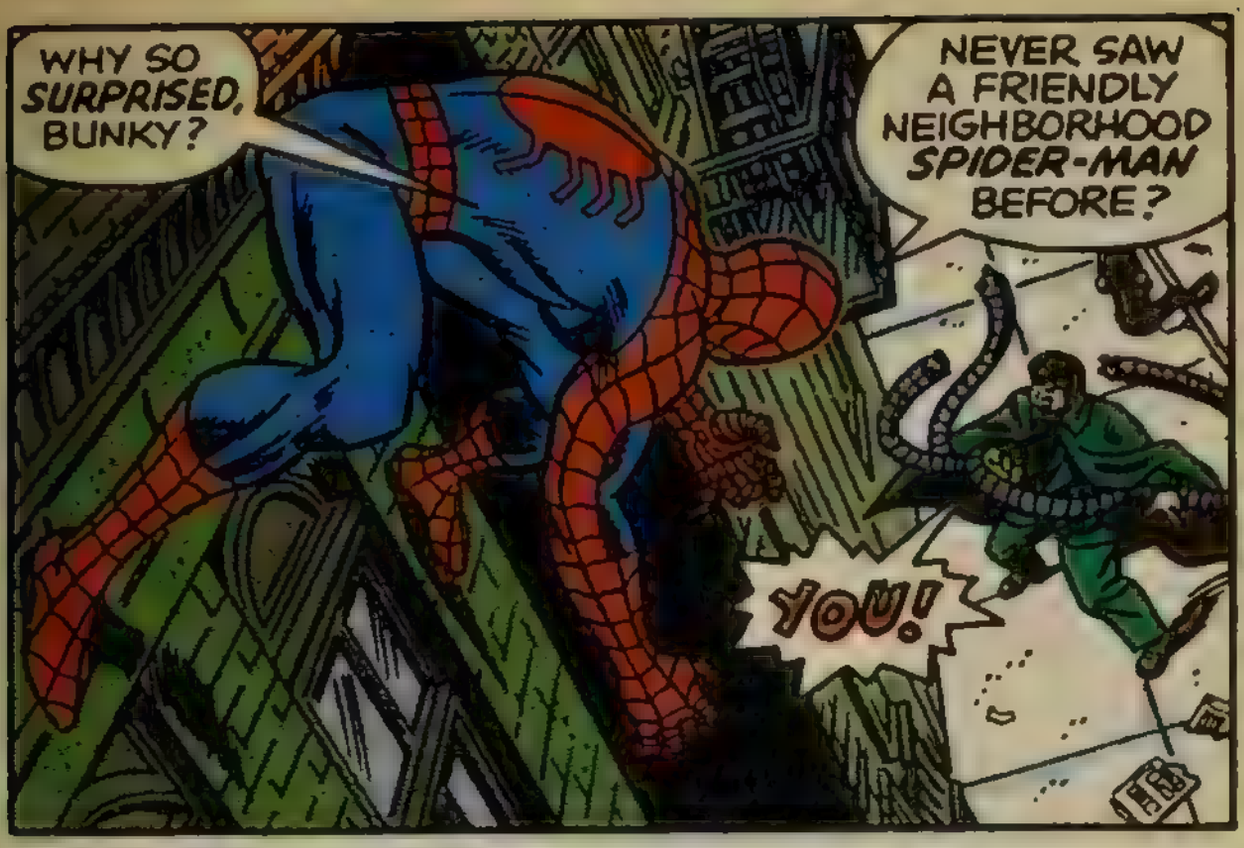
I COMMEND YOUR DILIGENCE, OFFICER, BUT THIS LOVELY LADY HAD FAINTED! I'M ESCORTING HER HOME.
WELL-- GUESS IT'S OKAY!


SO THAT WAS HIS PLAN! HE USED AUNT MAY AS AN UNWITTING DECOY!
AND NOW IT'S SHOWDOWN TIME! JUST DOC OCK --AND ME!

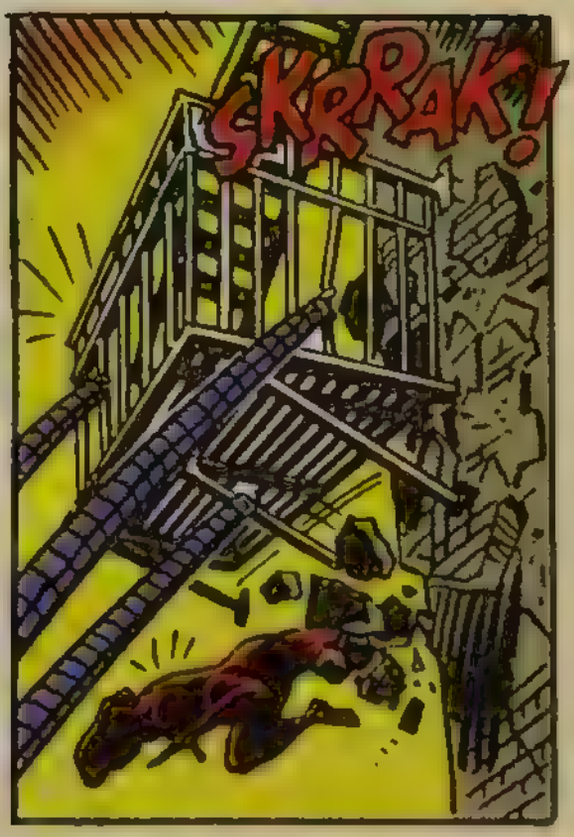

NOW, MY LOVELY, YOU MUST GO HOME AND GET SOME REST. YOU'VE HAD A MOST TRYING EXPERIENCE!
DEAR, OTTO-- YOU'RE SO UNDERSTANDING! THOUGH I DON'T KNOW WHY I FAINTED IN THE MUSEUM THAT WAY. IT-- IT'S ALL SO STRANGE!
RT BOOKS

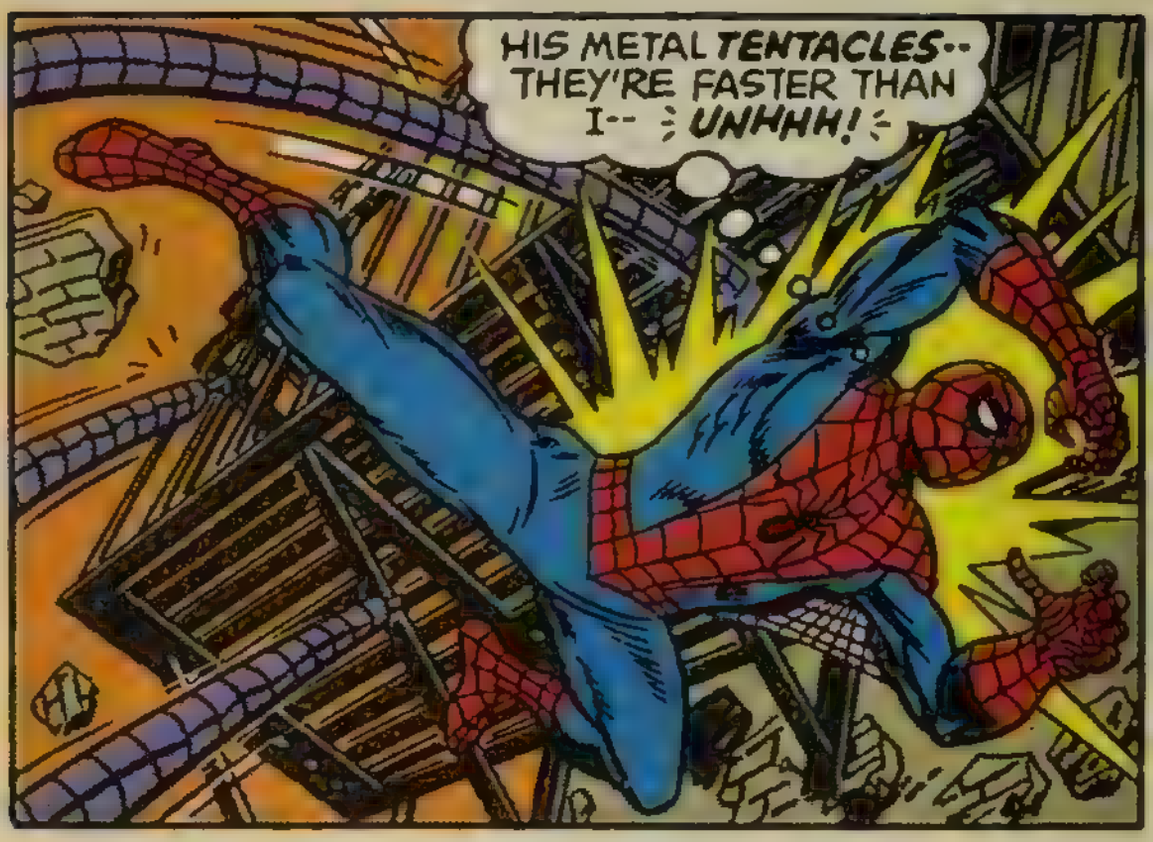
YOU FAINTED BECAUSE I ARRANGED THAT LITTLE DIVERSION-- THE BETTER TO SEIZE MY GOLDEN TREASURE!

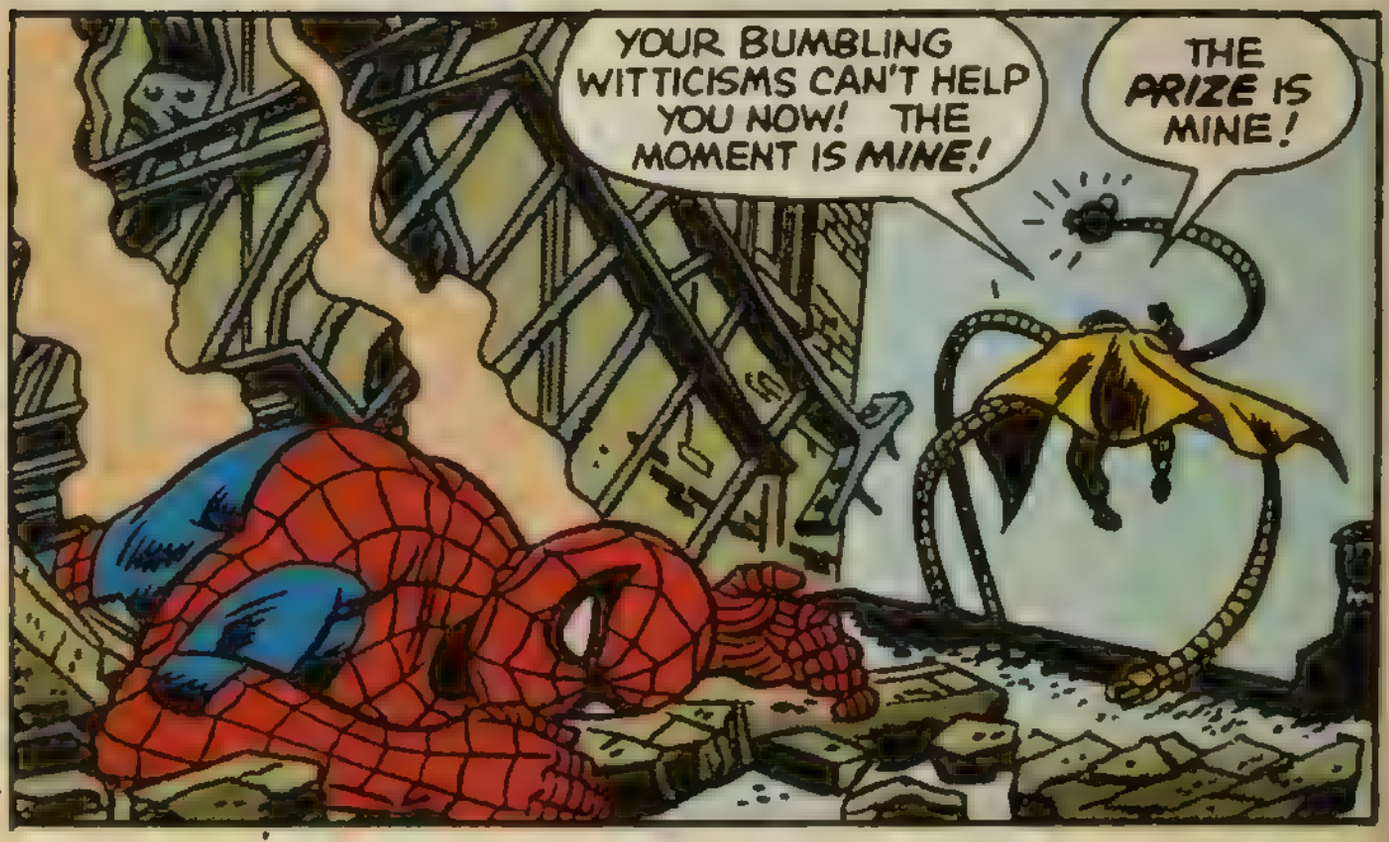
HEY, MISTER-- DON'TCHA KNOW THAT STOLEN IDOLS BRING BAD LUCK?
WHA?


WHY SO SURPRISED, BUNKY?
NEVER SAW A FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN BEFORE?
YOU!

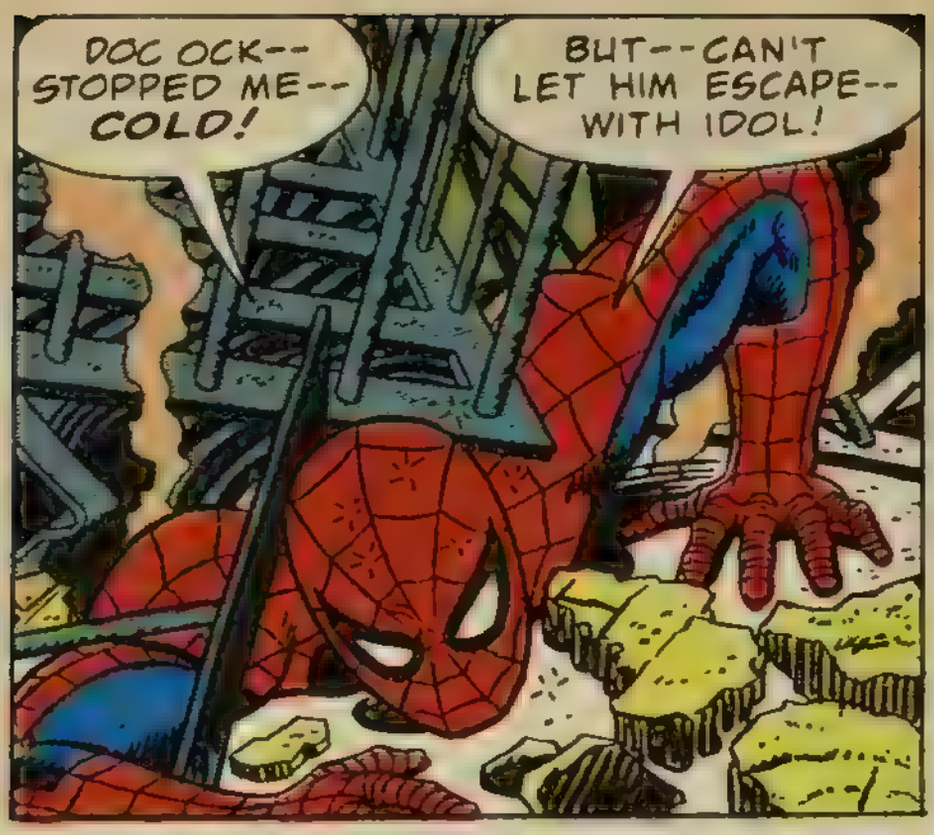
YOU ALWAYS DID HAVE A GIFT FOR REPARTEE!
THE FIRE ESCAPE! HE'S REACHING FOR IT--!

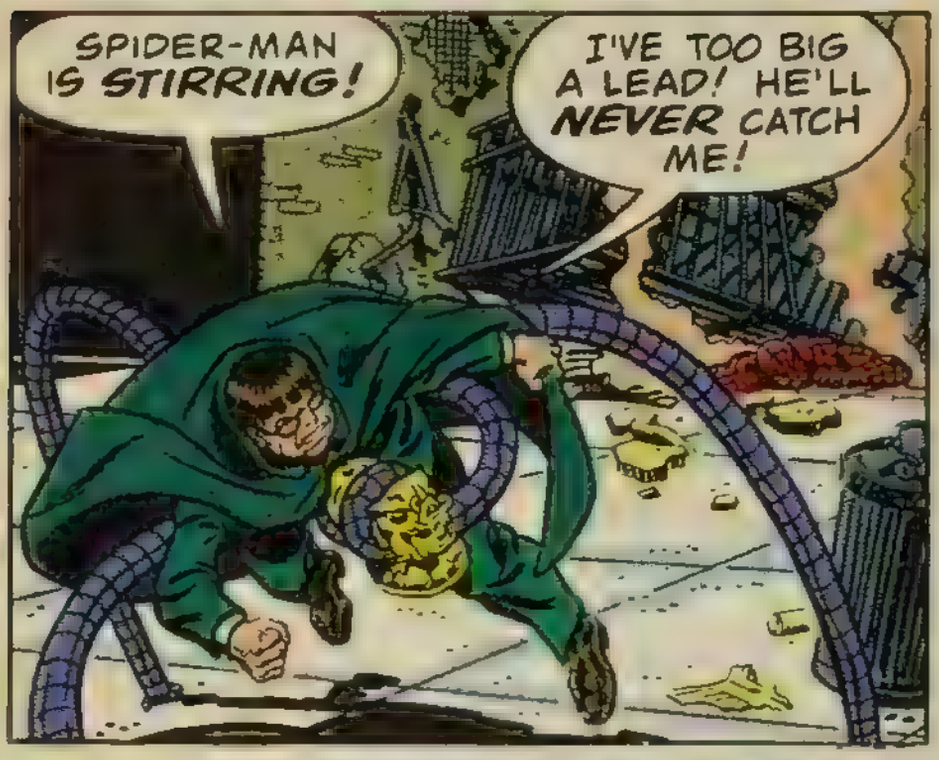

SKRRAK!
YO

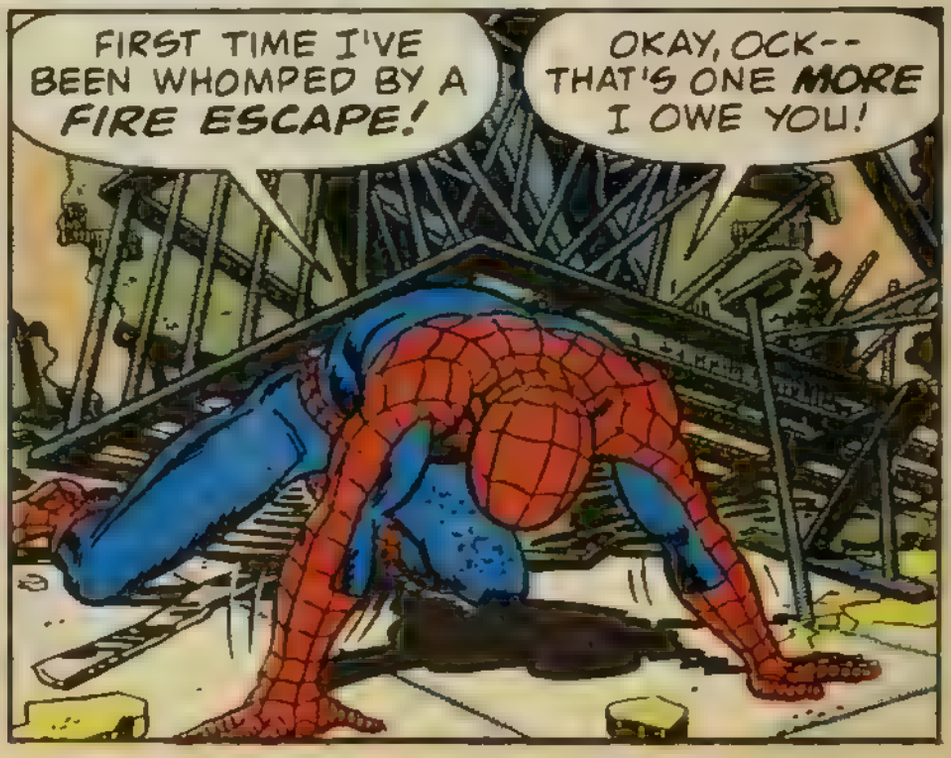

HIS METAL TENTACLES-- THEY'RE FASTER THAN I-- UNHHH!

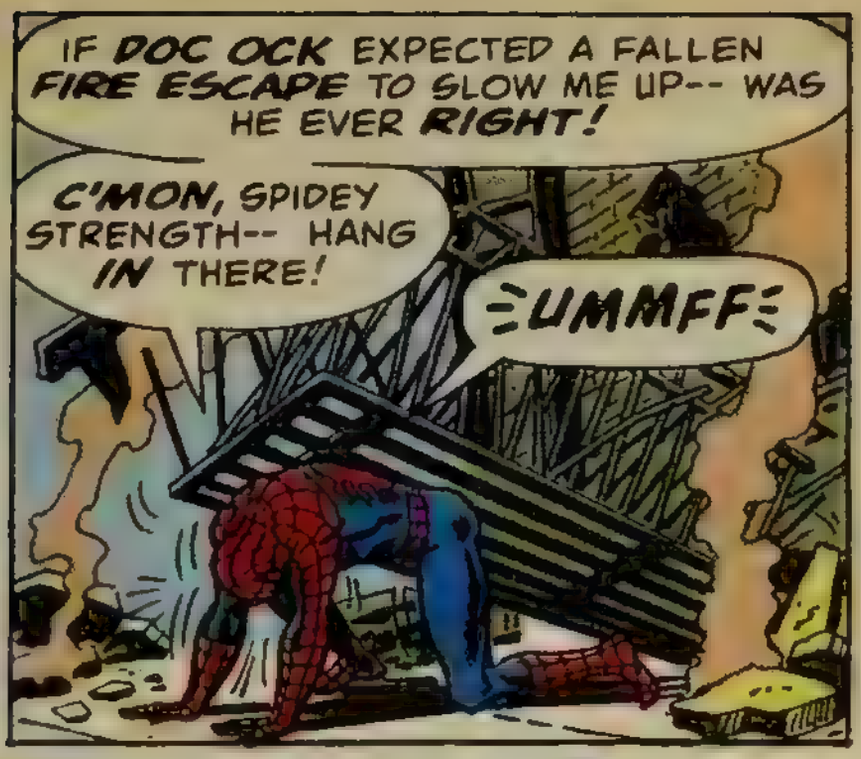

YOUR BUMBLING WITTICISMS CAN'T HELP YOU NOW! THE MOMENT IS MINE!
THE PRIZE IS MINE!

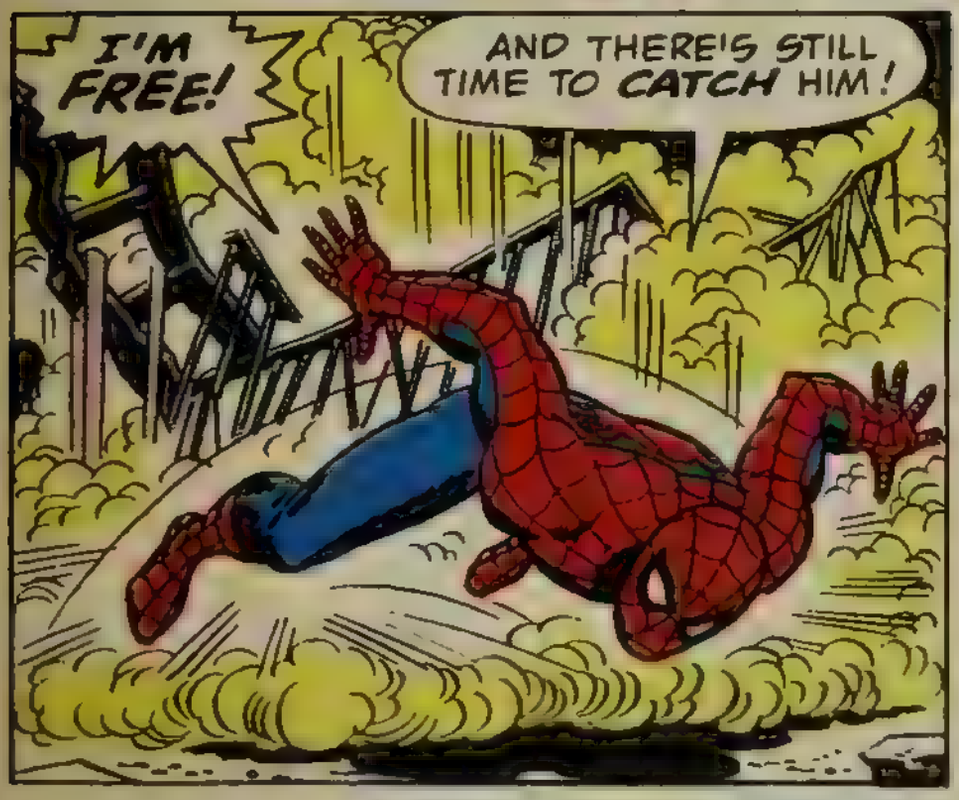
SEEING DR. OCTOPUS WITH THE STOLEN IDOL, SPIDER-MAN PURSUES HIM, UNTIL--
THE WEB-SLINGER! HE SPOTTED ME!
KRAKK!
YOUR METAL TENTACLES WON'T STOP ME NOW!
DON'T BET ON IT, BRAGGART!
SPTANNG!
THE FIRE ESCAPE! HE'S TEARING IT FROM-- ≡UNHH!≡
THE IDOL IS MINE-- FOREVER!

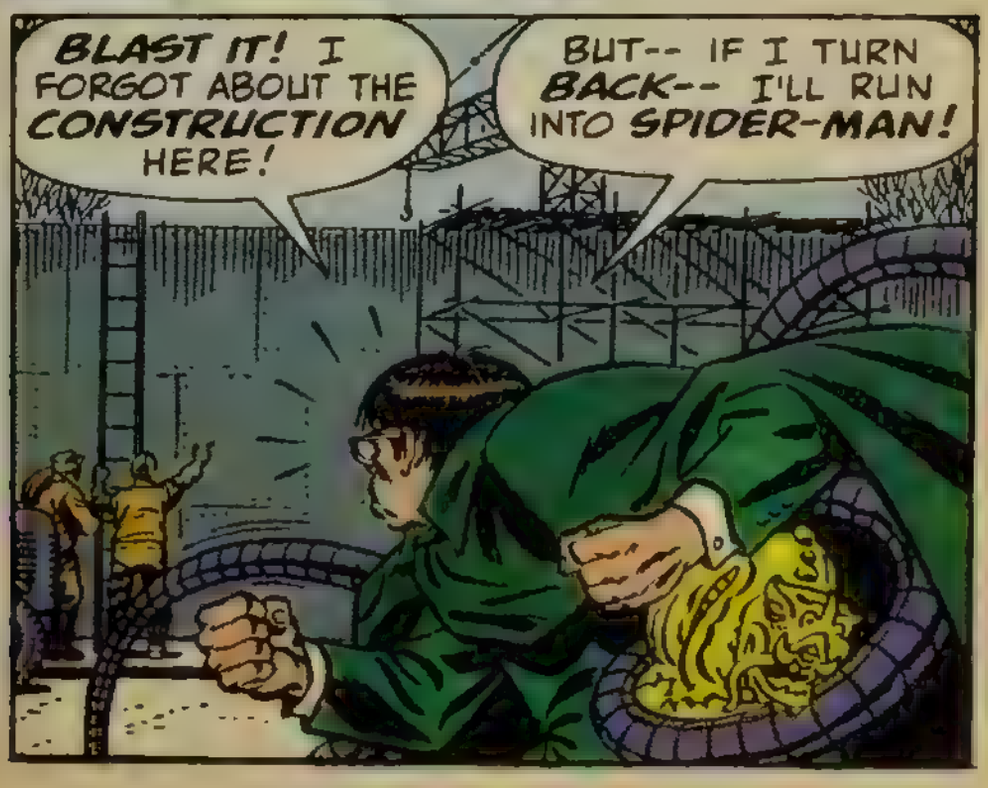

DOC OCK-- STOPPED ME-- COLD!
BUT--CAN'T LET HIM ESCAPE-- WITH IDOL!

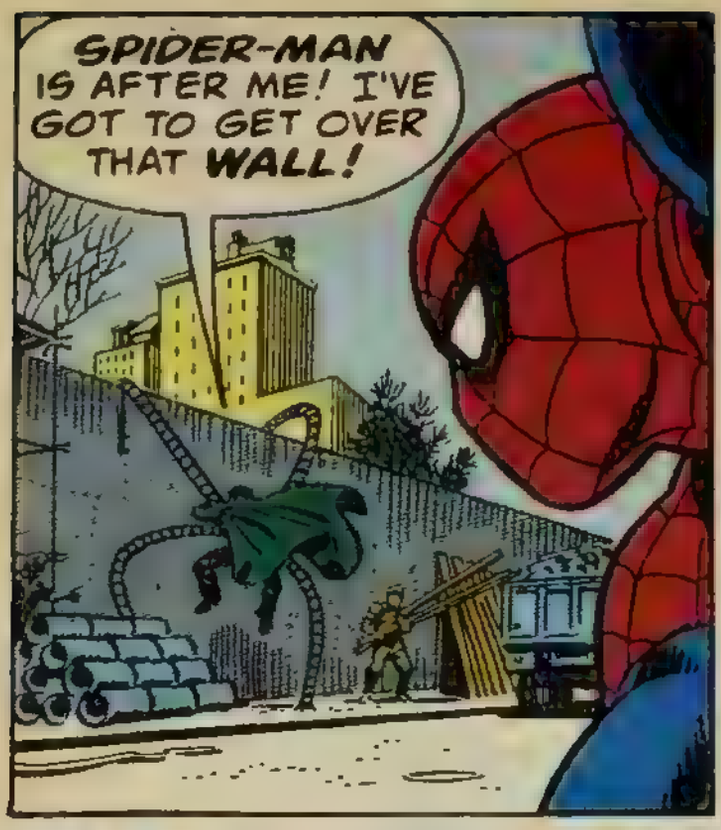

SPIDER-MAN IS STIRRING!
I'VE TOO BIG A LEAD! HE'LL NEVER CATCH ME!


FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN WHOMPED BY A FIRE ESCAPE!
OKAY, OCK-- THAT'S ONE MORE I OWE YOU!


IF DOC OCK EXPECTED A FALLEN FIRE ESCAPE TO SLOW ME UP-- WAS HE EVER RIGHT!
C'MON, SPIDEY STRENGTH-- HANG IN THERE!
=UMMFF=

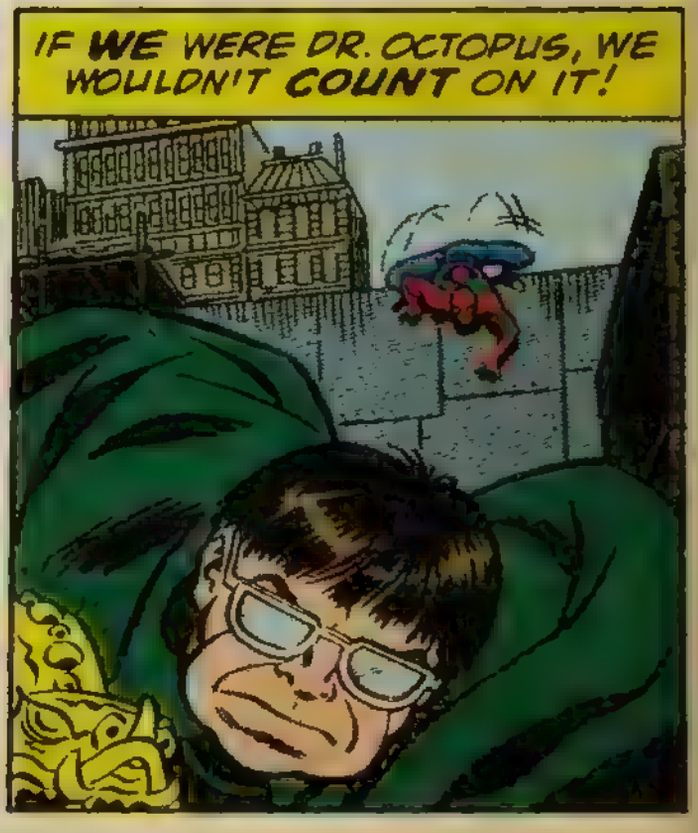

I'M FREE!
AND THERE'S STILL TIME TO CATCH HIM!

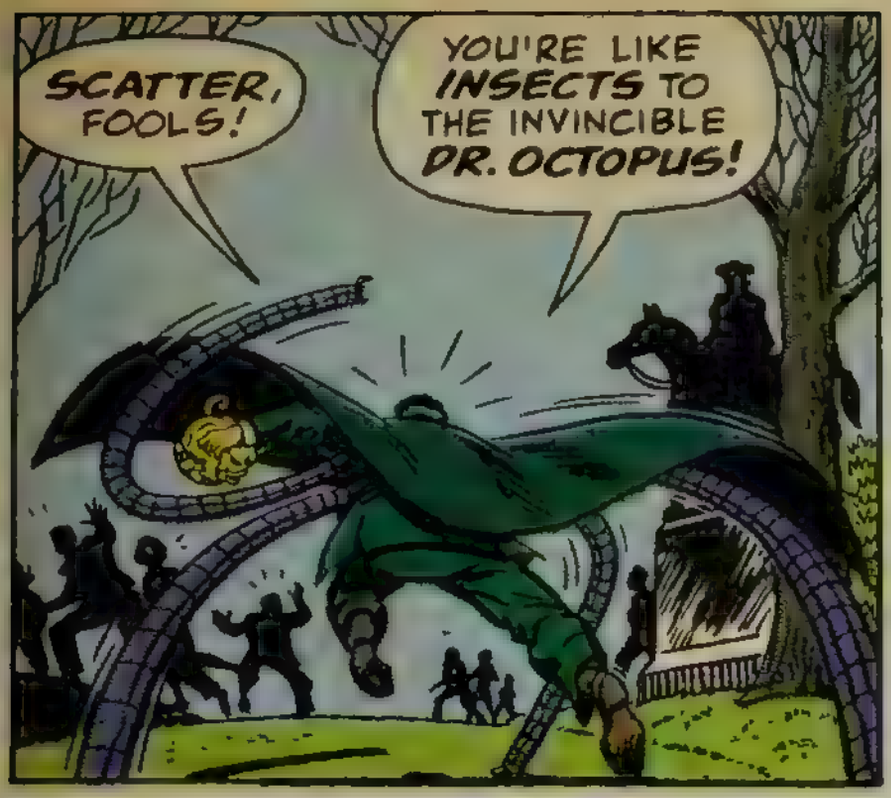

BLAST IT! I FORGOT ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION HERE!
BUT-- IF I TURN BACK-- I'LL RUN INTO SPIDER-MAN!

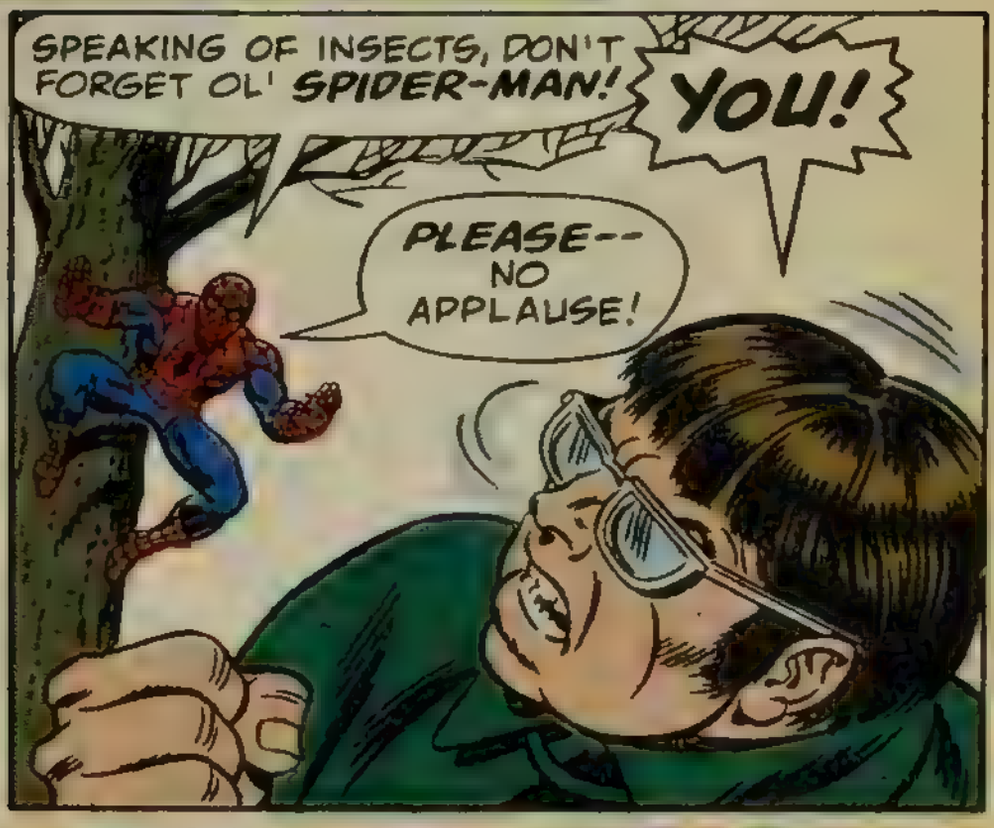

SPIDER-MAN IS AFTER ME! I'VE GOT TO GET OVER THAT WALL!

ONCE I REACH THE OTHER SIDE--

--I'LL LOSE MYSELF IN CENTRAL PARK!

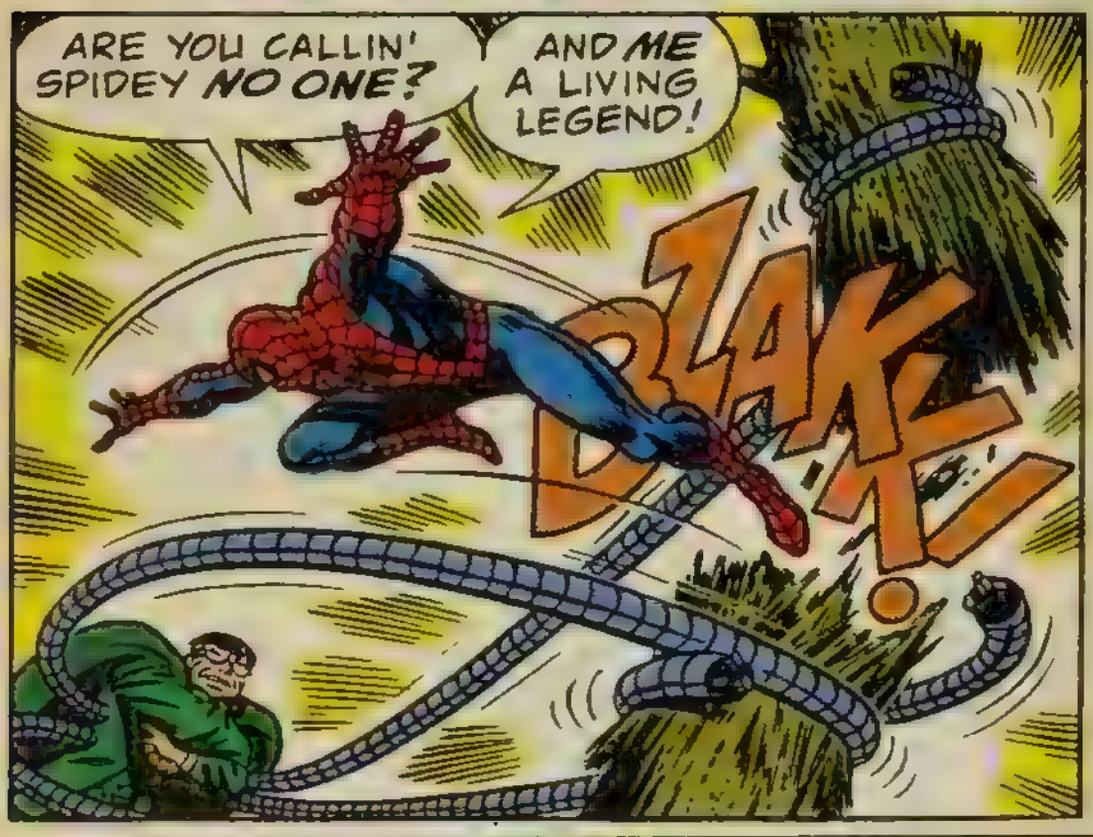

IF WE WERE DR. OCTOPUS, WE WOULDN'T COUNT ON IT!


SCATTER, FOOLS!
YOU'RE LIKE INSECTS TO THE INVINCIBLE DR. OCTOPUS!

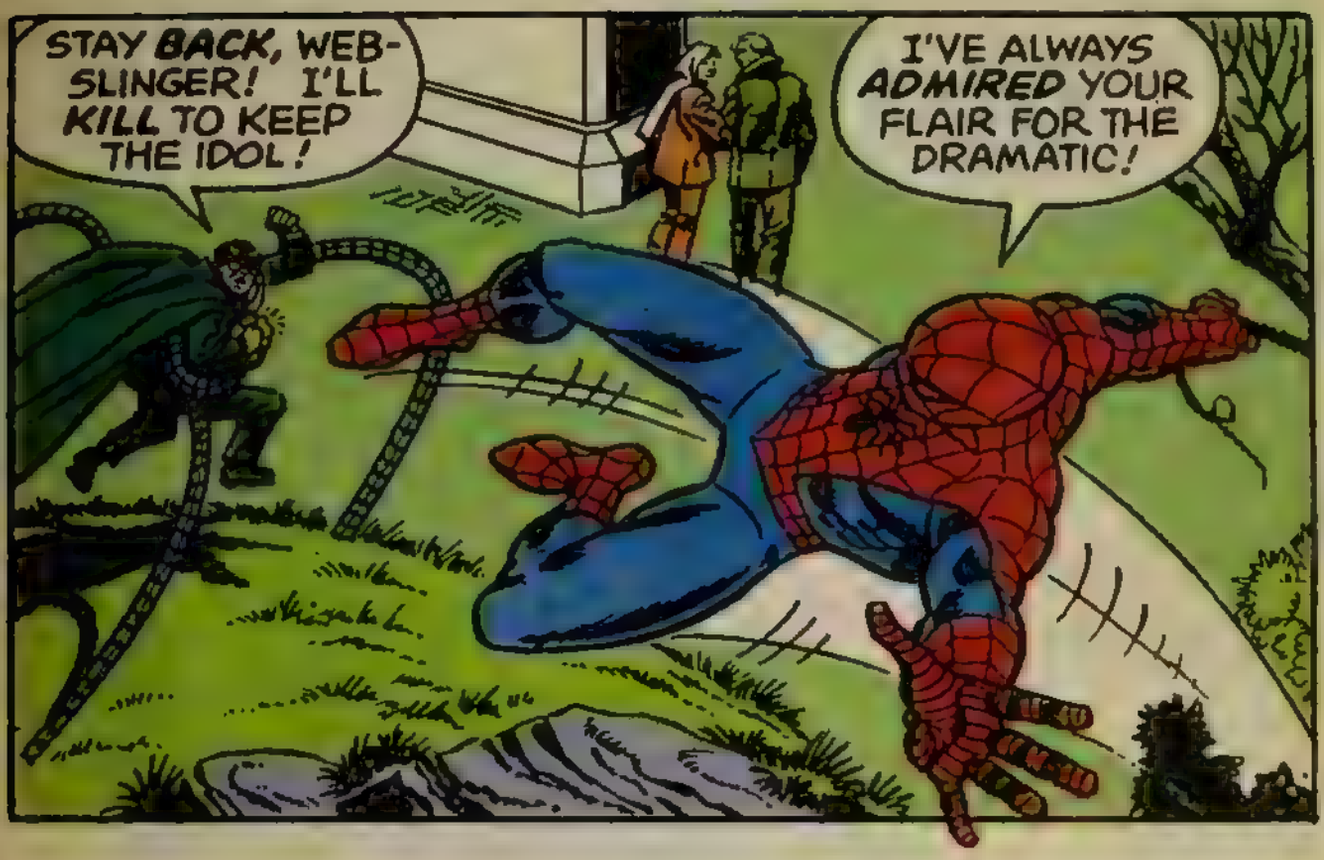

SPEAKING OF INSECTS, DON'T FORGET OL' SPIDER-MAN!
YOU!
PLEASE-- NO APPLAUSE!

I'VE ENDURED YOUR WITLESS TAUNTS FOR THE FINAL TIME!

THE GOLDEN IDOL IS MINE!
NO ONE WILL EVER TAKE IT FROM ME!


ARE YOU CALLIN' SPIDEY NO ONE?
AND ME A LIVING LEGEND!
BLAK!

YOU'VE PUSHED YOUR LUCK TOO FAR!
TODAY THE LEGEND DIES!


STAY BACK, WEB-SLINGER! I'LL KILL TO KEEP THE IDOL!
I'VE ALWAYS ADMIRED YOUR FLAIR FOR THE DRAMATIC!

BUT IF THREATS COULD STOP ME--
THWAK!
THEY'D TAKE AWAY MY SUPER-HERO CARD!

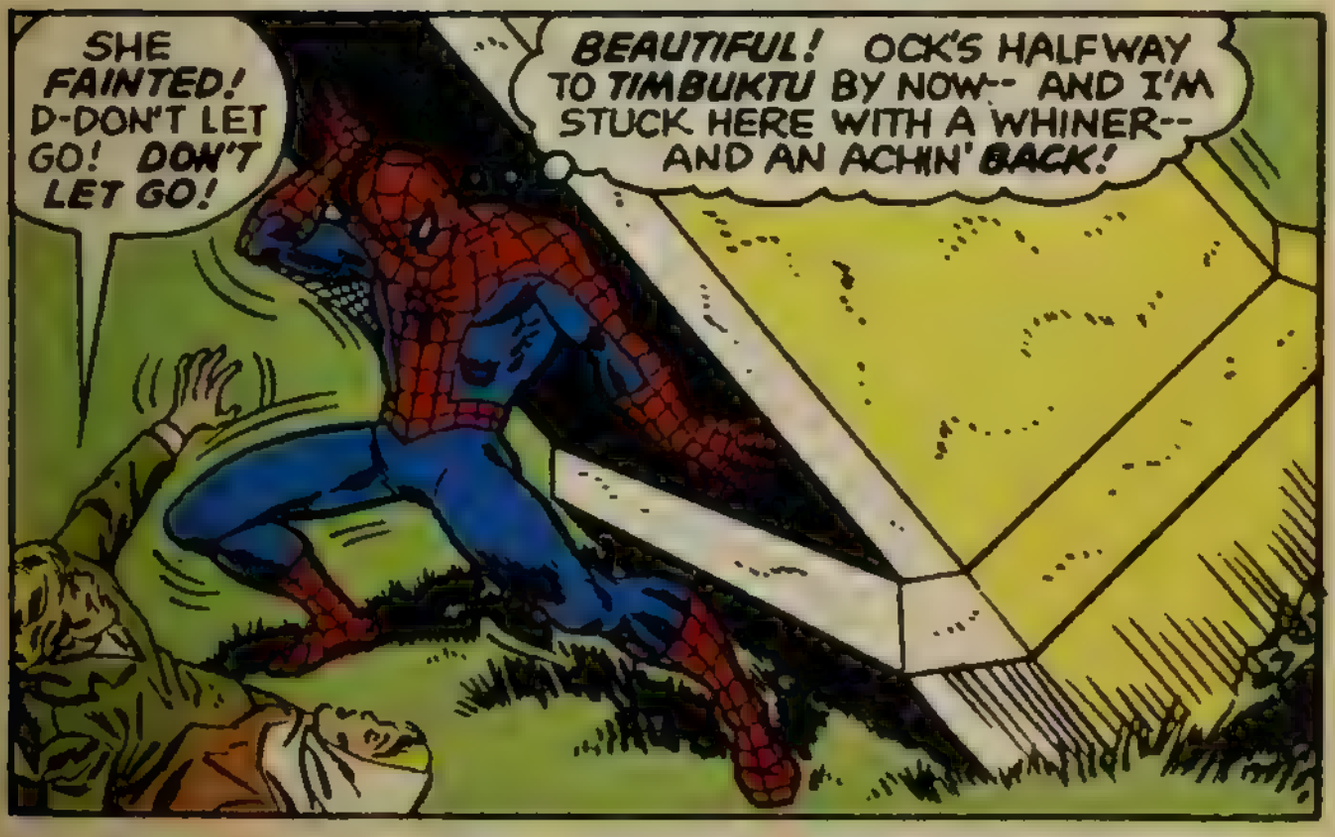
WELL NOW-- WE'VE BEEN A BAAAD LITTLE DR. OCTOPUS, HAVEN'T WE?
YOU OVER-CONFIDENT FOOL!

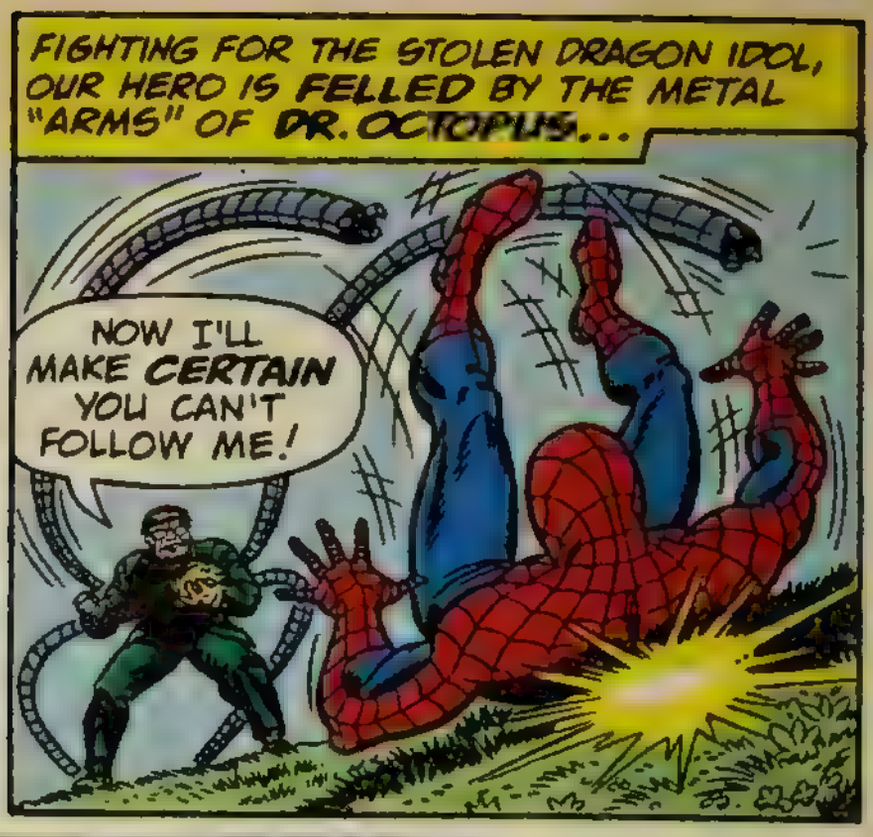
ONCE AGAIN YOU'VE UNDERESTIMATED THE POWER OF MY TENTACLES!

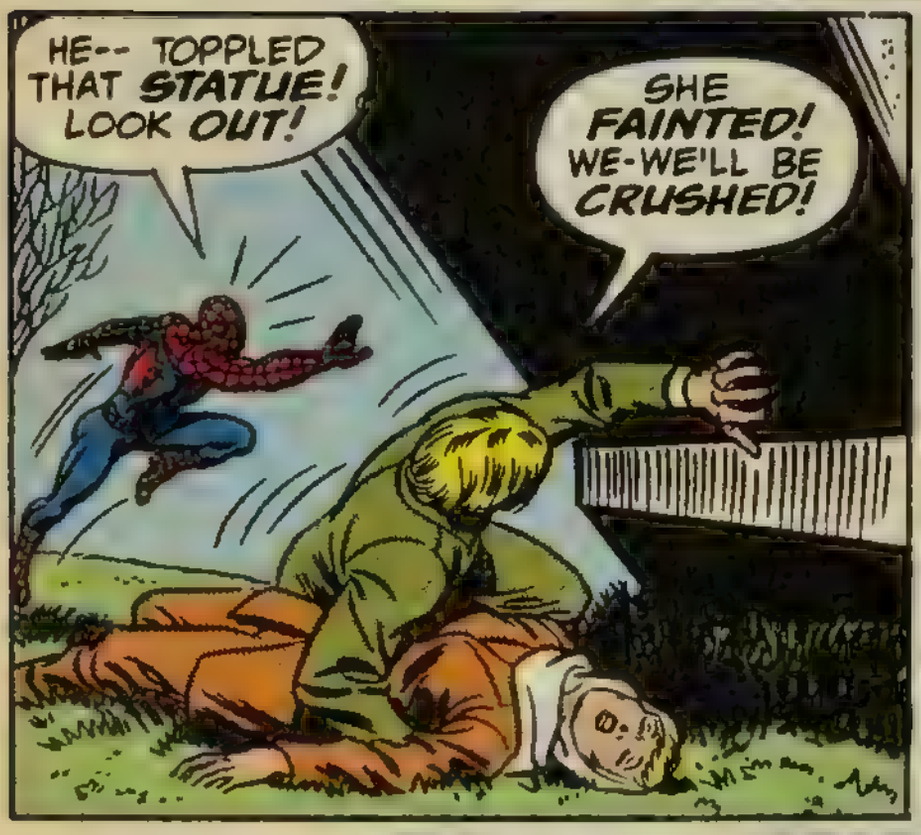
OH MAN! I KEEP FORGETTING WHAT HE CAN DO WITH THOSE METAL ARMS!
AND NOW-- TO MAKE SURE THAT I'M RID OF YOU FOREVER--

I'LL PROVIDE A SMALL DIVER-TISSEMENT TO KEEP YOU OCCUPIED!
KRAKKK

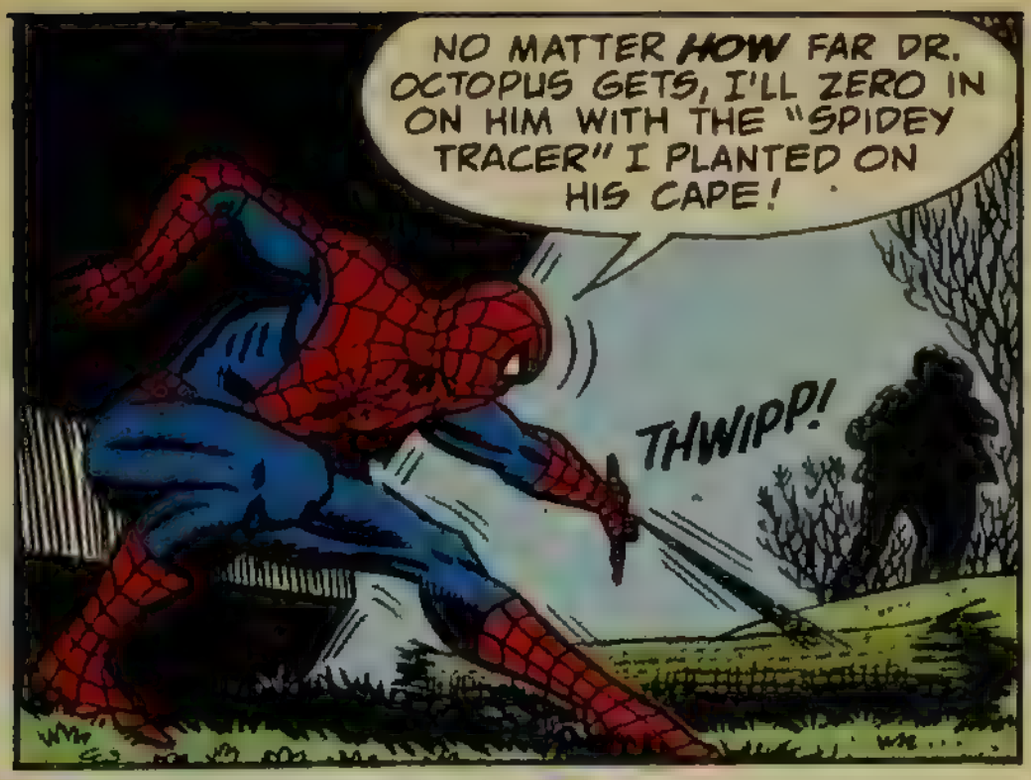
MOVE IT, YOU TWO-- WHILE YOU STILL CAN!
OOOHHHH

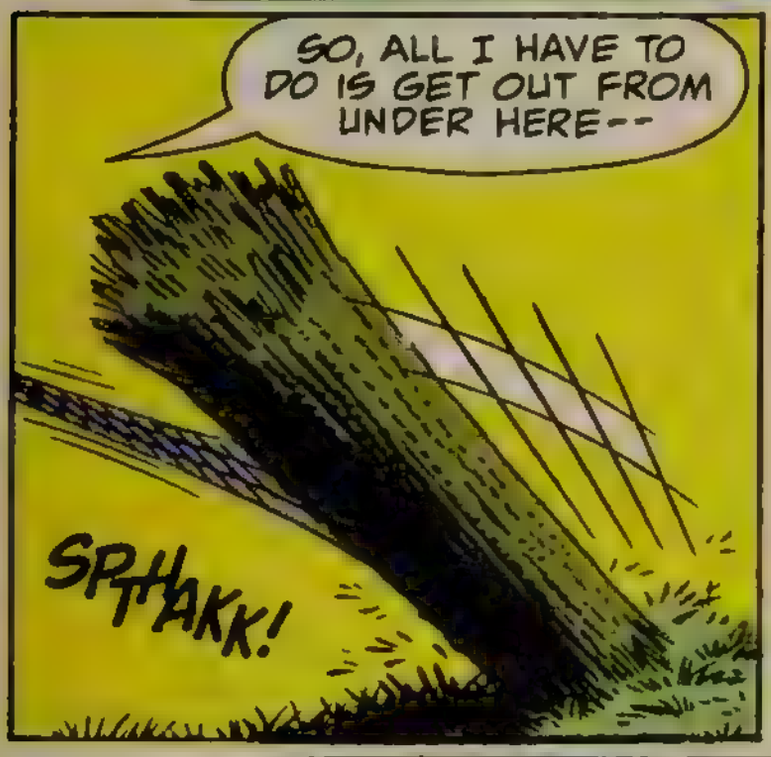

SHE FAINTED! D-DON'T LET GO! DON'T LET GO!
BEAUTIFUL! OCK'S HALFWAY TO TIMBUKTU BY NOW-- AND I'M STUCK HERE WITH A WHINER-- AND AN ACHIN' BACK!

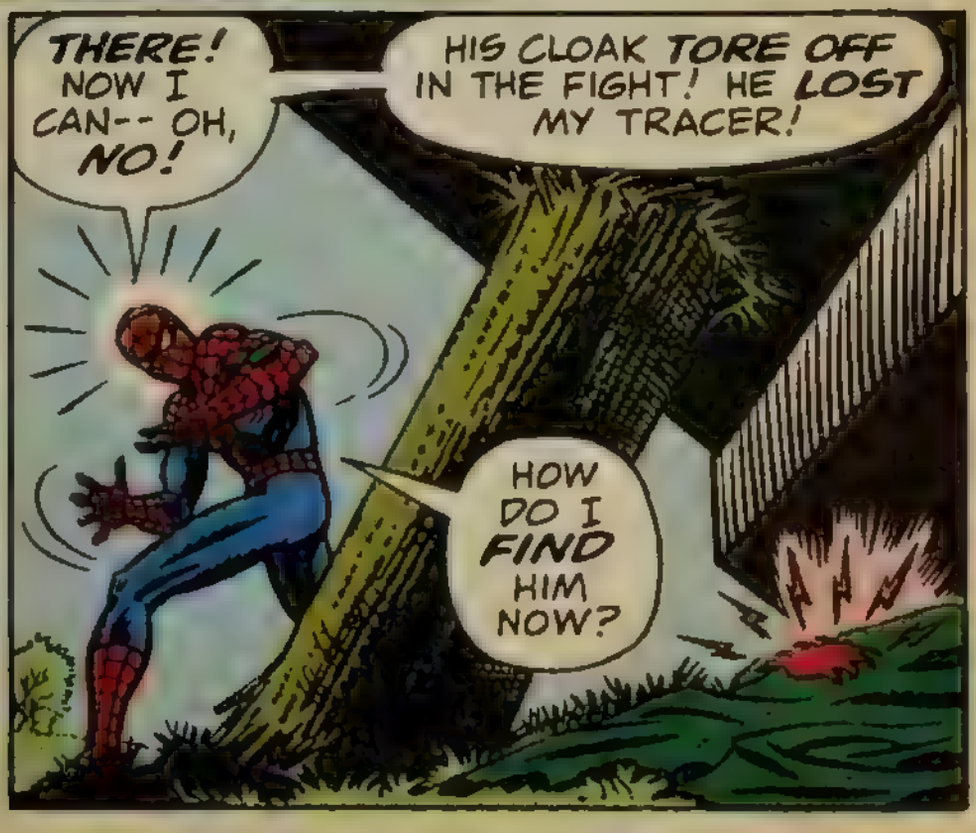

FIGHTING FOR THE STOLEN DRAGON IDOL, OUR HERO IS FELLED BY THE METAL "ARMS" OF DR. OCTOPUS...
NOW I'LL MAKE CERTAIN YOU CAN'T FOLLOW ME!


HE-- TOPPLED THAT STATUE! LOOK OUT!
SHE FAINTED! WE-WE'LL BE CRUSHED!

MOVE IT, YOU TWO! GET OUTTA HERE!
THEY'RE OKAY NOW, BUT-- HOW DO I-- GET OUT FROM UNDER?

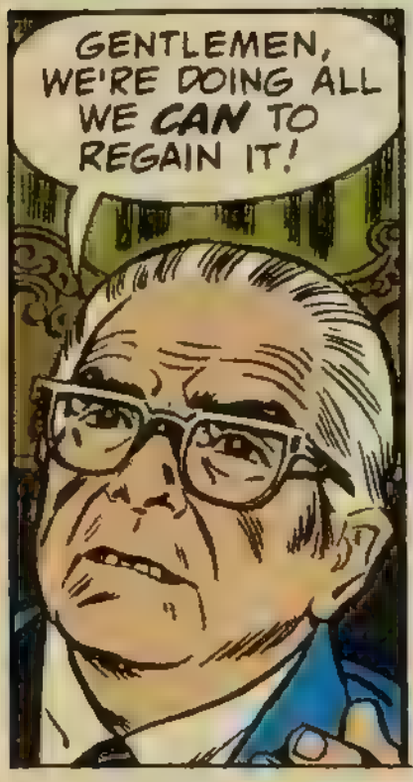

NO MATTER HOW FAR DR. OCTOPUS GETS, I'LL ZERO IN ON HIM WITH THE "SPIDEY TRACER" I PLANTED ON HIS CAPE!
THWIPP!


SO, ALL I HAVE TO DO IS GET OUT FROM UNDER HERE--
SPTHAKK!


THERE! NOW I CAN-- OH, NO!
HIS CLOAK TORE OFF IN THE FIGHT! HE LOST MY TRACER!
HOW DO I FIND HIM NOW?

EVEN AS SPIDEY SEARCHES FOR DR. OCTOPUS AND THE STOLEN IDOL...

THE KIANGKOW DRAGON IS A NATIONAL TREASURE!
IT IS PRICELESS! THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC DEMANDS ITS RETURN!

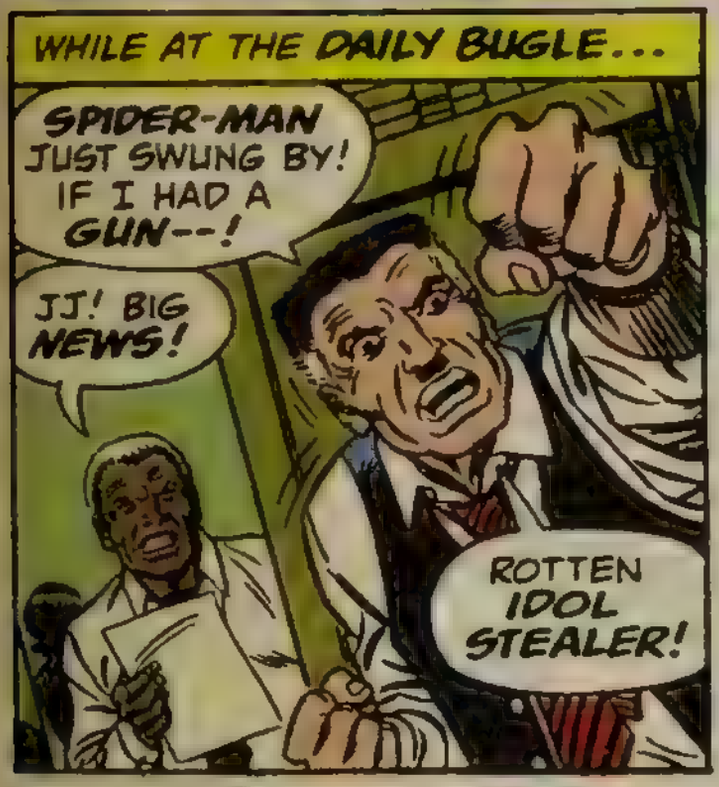

GENTLEMEN, WE'RE DOING ALL WE CAN TO REGAIN IT!

DO MORE! THE IDOL WAS LENT TO YOUR MUSEUM! IF NOT RETRIEVED--

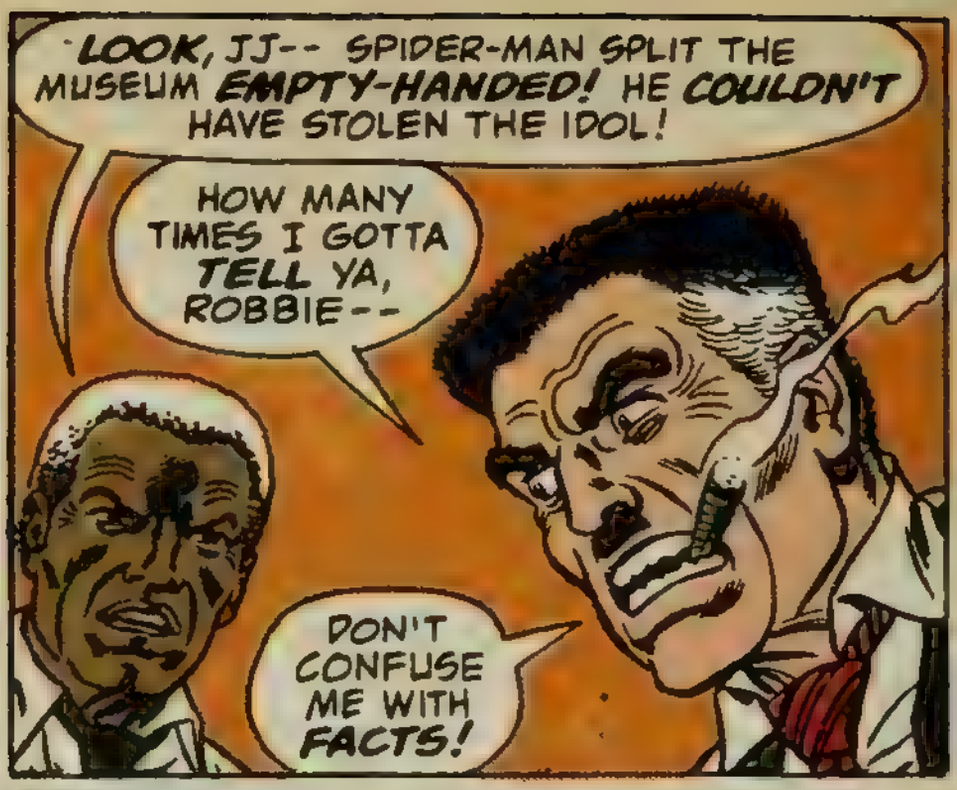
IT COULD MEAN-- WORLD WAR III!

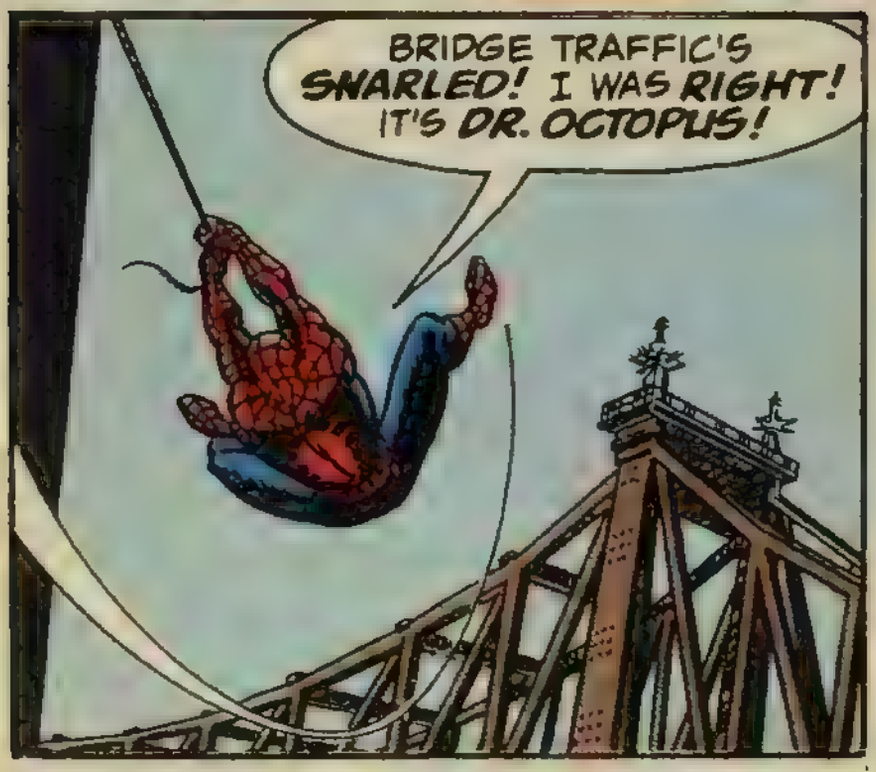
IF I WERE DR. OCTOPUS, I'D CUT OUT OF TOWN WITH THE STOLEN IDOL!

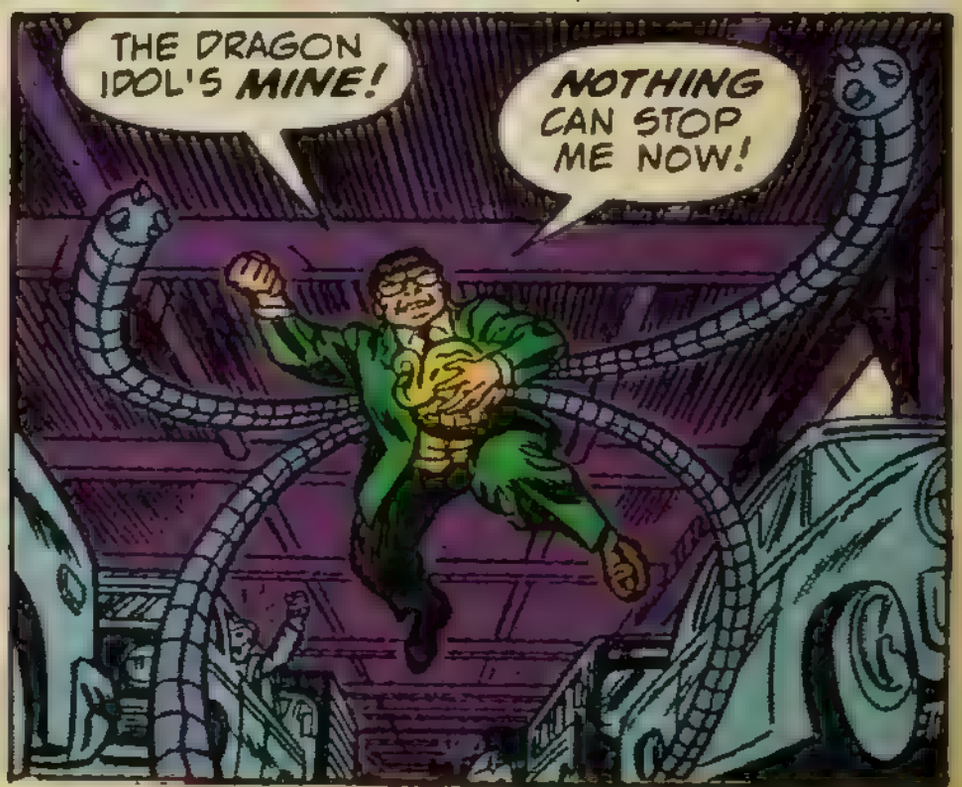
HE WAS HEADING FOR THE QUEENSBORO BRIDGE WHEN I LAST-- WAIT!
SOMETHING'S CLIMBING UP ONE OF THE PILLARS!


WHILE AT THE DAILY BUGLE...
SPIDER-MAN JUST SWUNG BY! IF I HAD A GUN--!
JJ! BIG NEWS!
ROTTEN IDOL STEALER!

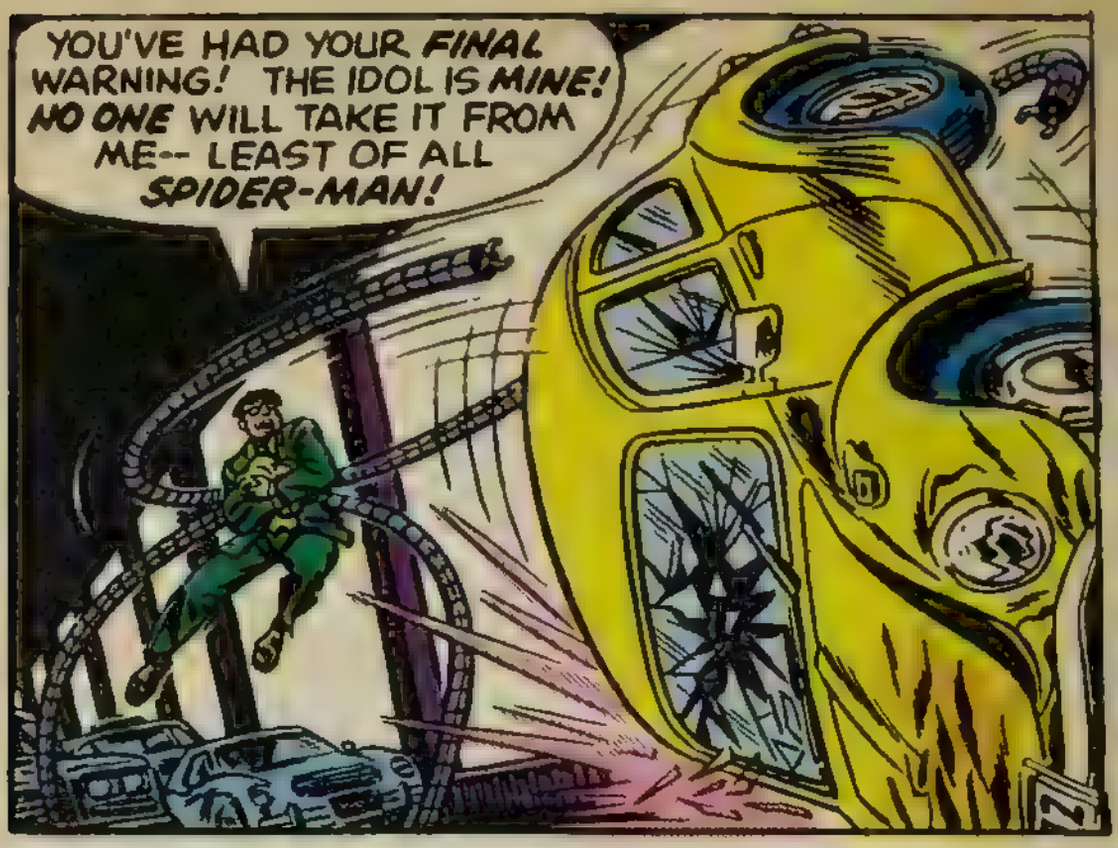
THE MISSING IDOL IS A POWDER KEG! RED CHINA'S MOBILIZING!
I KNEW IT! I KNEW IT!
THAT MASKED MISFIT IS OUT TO START A WAR!


LOOK, JJ-- SPIDER-MAN SPLIT THE MUSEUM EMPTY-HANDED! HE COULDN'T HAVE STOLEN THE IDOL!
HOW MANY TIMES I GOTTA TELL YA, ROBBIE--
DON'T CONFUSE ME WITH FACTS!


BRIDGE TRAFFIC'S SNARLED! I WAS RIGHT! IT'S DR. OCTOPUS!


THE DRAGON IDOL'S MINE!
NOTHING CAN STOP ME NOW!

SPIDER-MAN! YOU FOUND ME!
FACE IT, OCK-- YOU'RE A HARD GUY TO MISS!
THIS TIME YOU WON'T ESCAPE ALIVE!
THERE'S ANOTHER WAY?
HE'S-- LIFTING THAT CAR-- LIKE A TOY!
I'LL SWAT YOU DOWN-- LIKE ANY OTHER INSECT!


YOU'VE HAD YOUR FINAL WARNING! THE IDOL IS MINE! NO ONE WILL TAKE IT FROM ME-- LEAST OF ALL SPIDER-MAN!

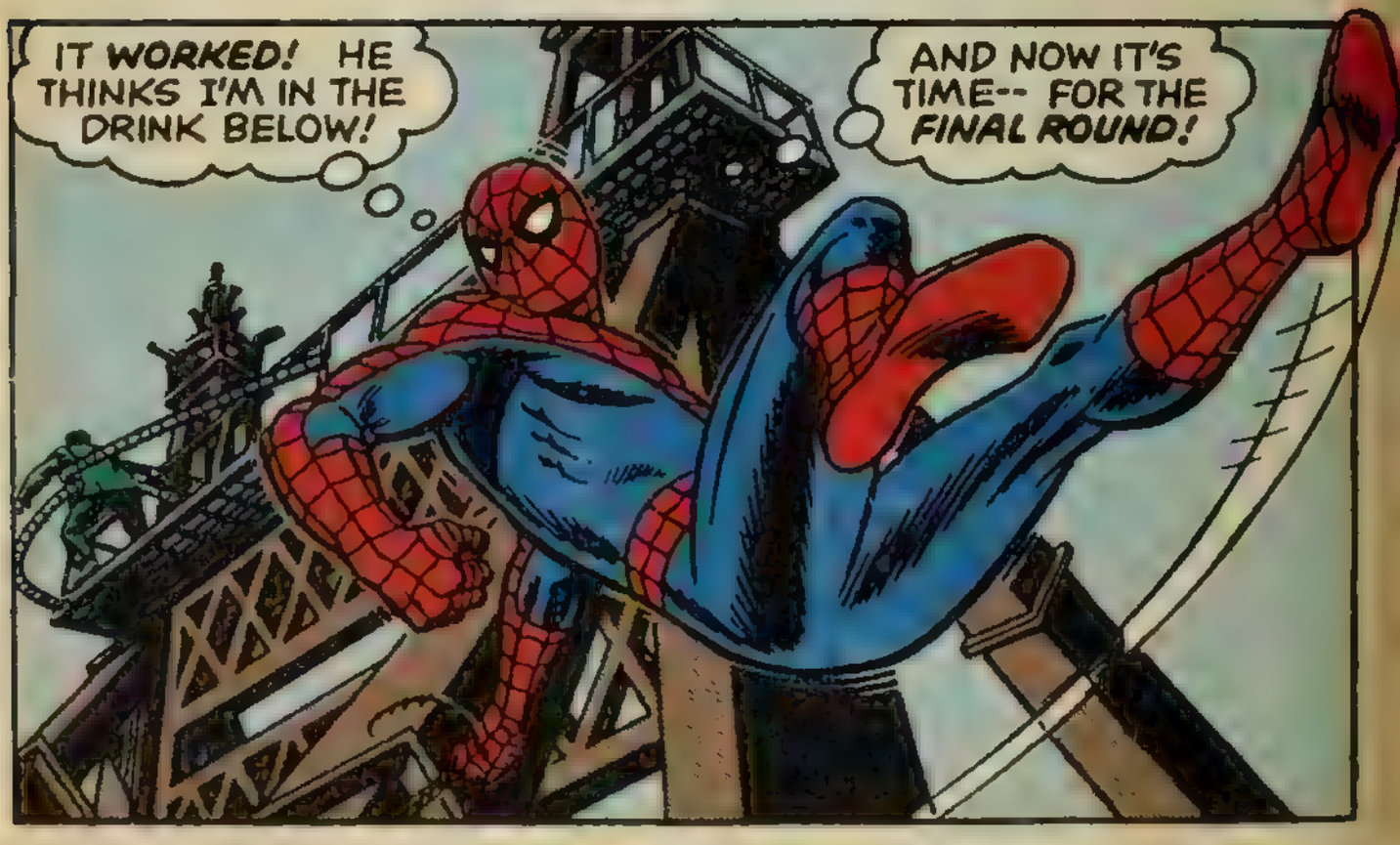
I HEARD YOU, I HEARD YOU! WHEN WILL YOU LEARN NOT TO TALK WITH YOUR HANDS?

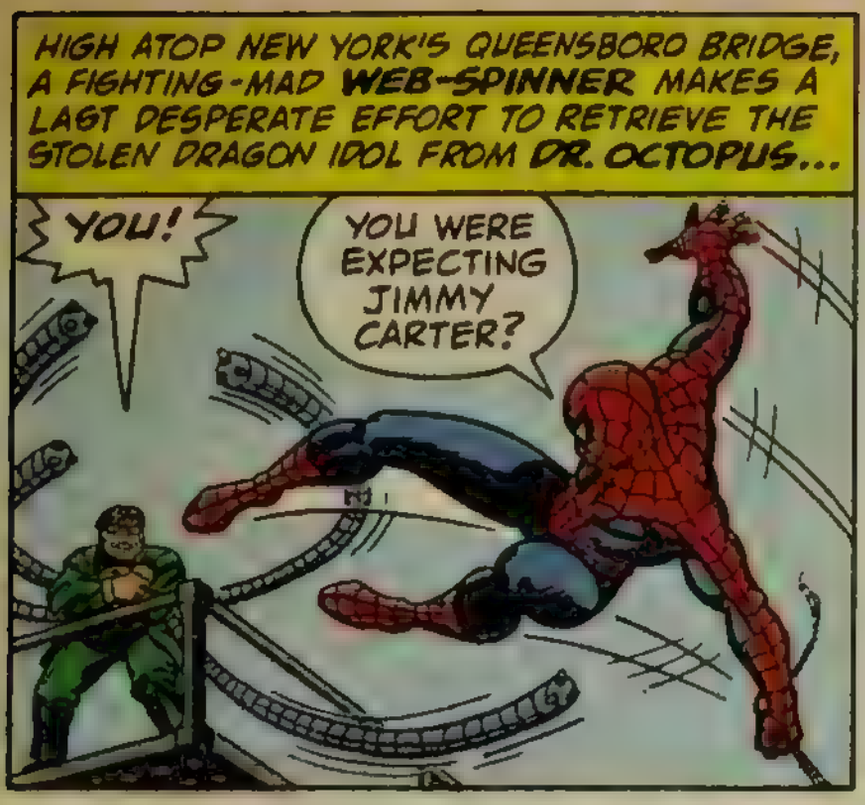
IT'S EASY TO TAUNT-- BUT DO YOU DARE FOLLOW ME-- UP HERE?
HEAVENS NO! I'M AFRAID OF HEIGHTS!

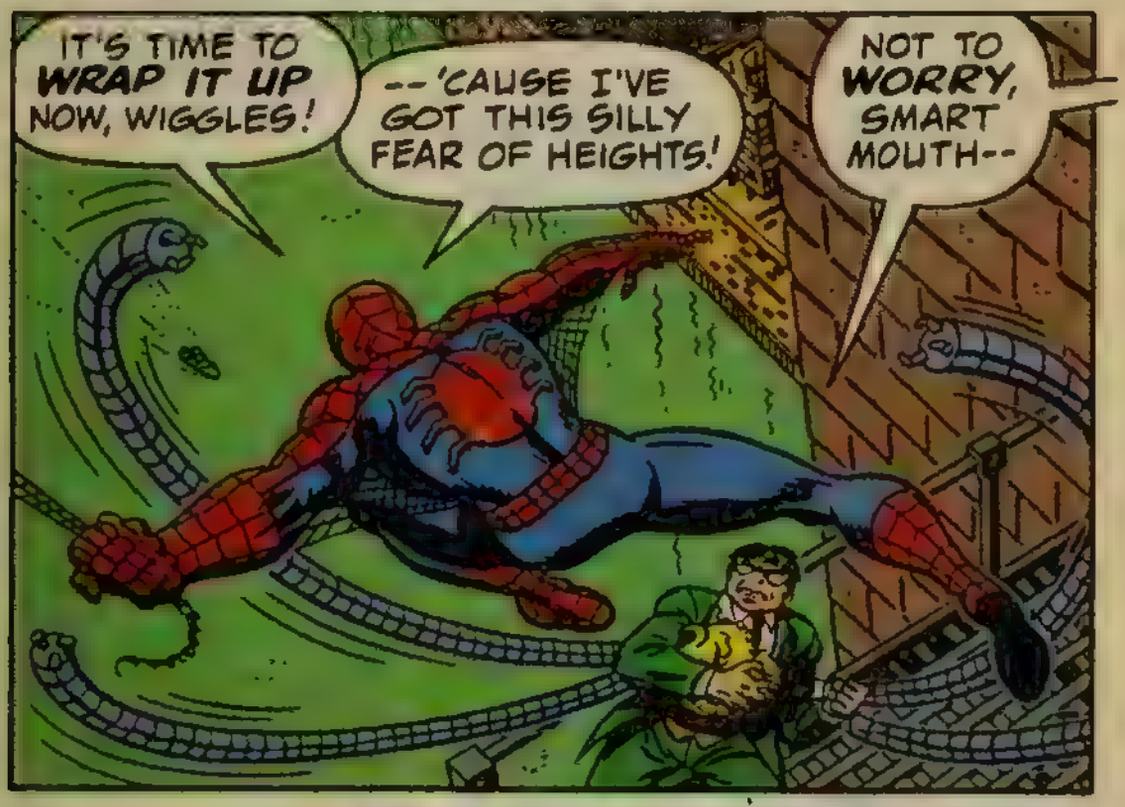
FOOL! NEVER AGAIN WILL YOU MOCK DR. OCTOPUS!
SWWAK!
:UNNFF!:

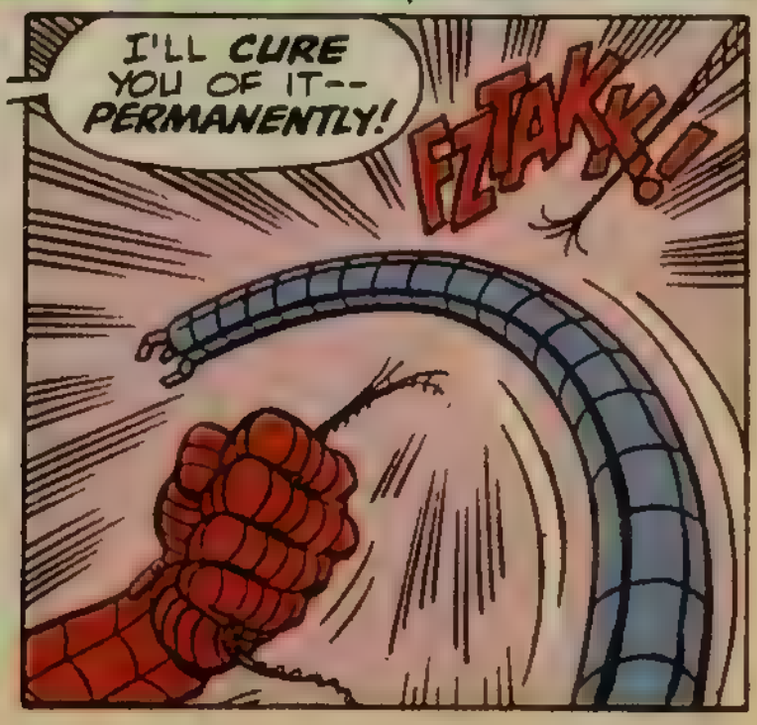
I HAD TO LET HIM DO IT! IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO TAKE HIM BY SURPRISE!

THWIP!

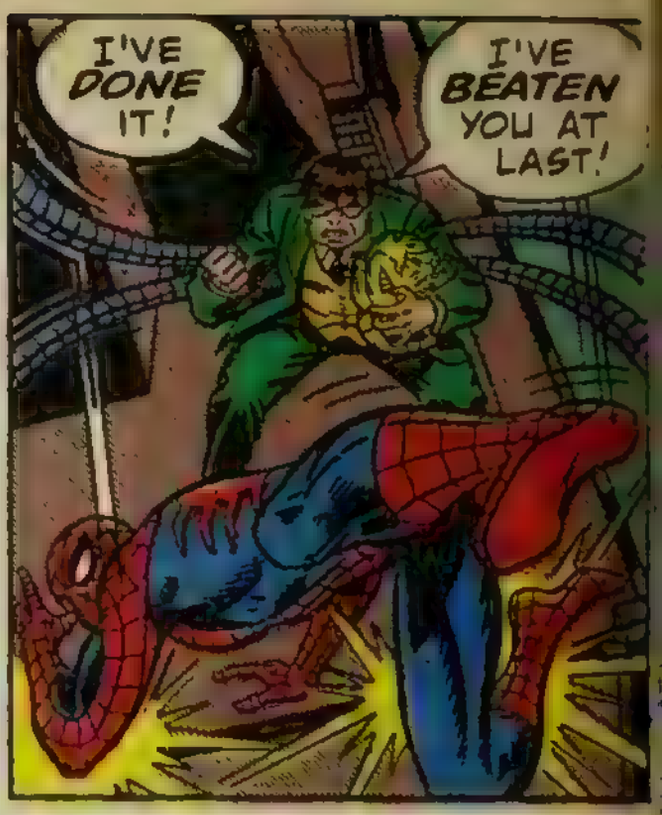

IT WORKED! HE THINKS I'M IN THE DRINK BELOW!
AND NOW IT'S TIME-- FOR THE FINAL ROUND!

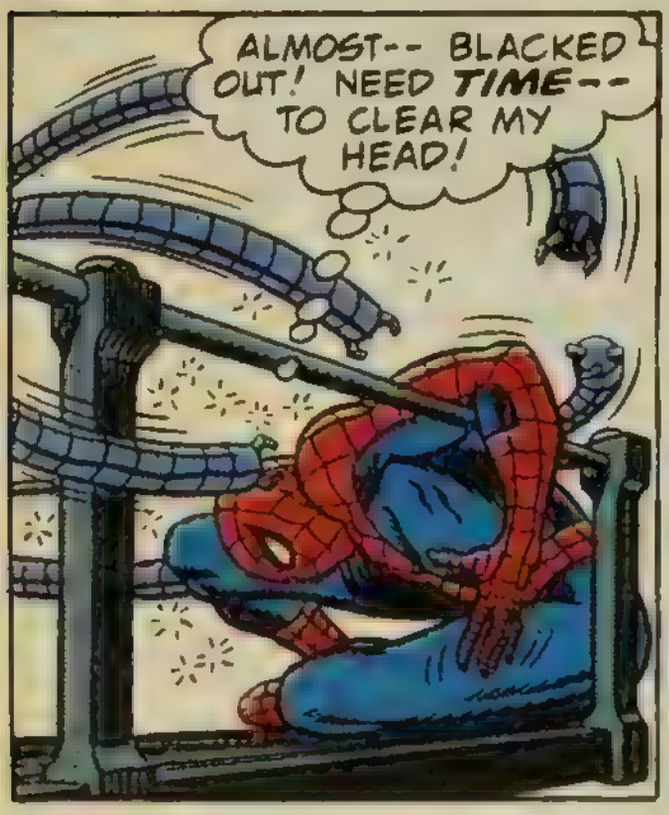

HIGH ATOP NEW YORK'S QUEENSBORO BRIDGE, A FIGHTING-MAD WEB-SPINNER MAKES A LAST DESPERATE EFFORT TO RETRIEVE THE STOLEN DRAGON IDOL FROM DR. OCTOPUS...
YOU!
YOU WERE EXPECTING JIMMY CARTER?


IT'S TIME TO WRAP IT UP NOW, WIGGLES!
--'CAUSE I'VE GOT THIS SILLY FEAR OF HEIGHTS!
NOT TO WORRY, SMART MOUTH--


I'LL CURE YOU OF IT-- PERMANENTLY!
FZTAKK!!

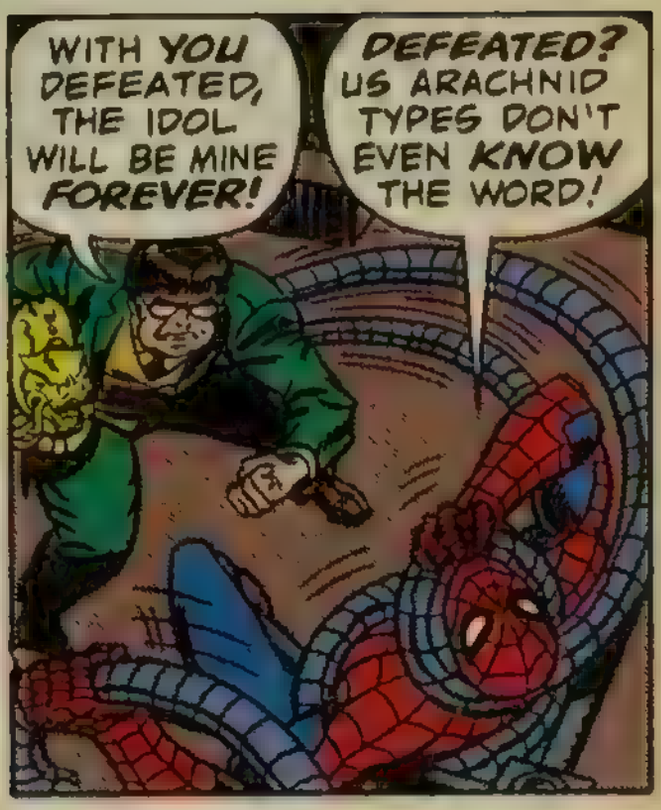
HE-- SNAPPED MY WEB-LINE! I'M FALLING!
FZTAKK!


I'VE DONE IT!
I'VE BEATEN YOU AT LAST!

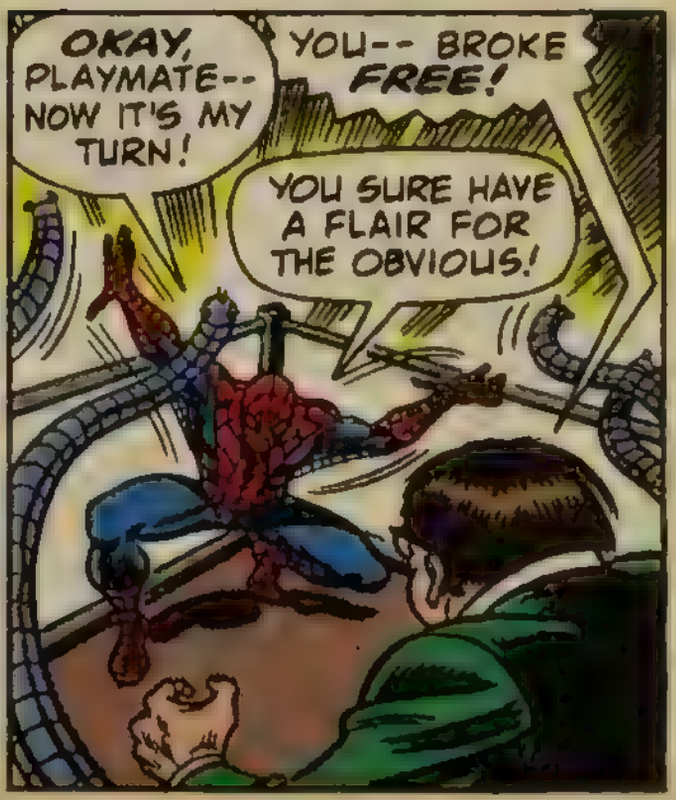

ALMOST-- BLACKED OUT! NEED TIME-- TO CLEAR MY HEAD!

BUT-- LOOKS LIKE-- MY TIME'S RUN OUT!

I BLEW IT! I LET OCTOPUS-- GET HIS TENTACLES AROUND ME!


WITH YOU DEFEATED, THE IDOL WILL BE MINE FOREVER!
DEFEATED? US ARACHNID TYPES DON'T EVEN KNOW THE WORD!

AND NOBODY HUGS ME-- BUT MY GIRL FRIEND!
C'MON, SPIDEY-STRENGTH! DON'T FAIL ME NOW!

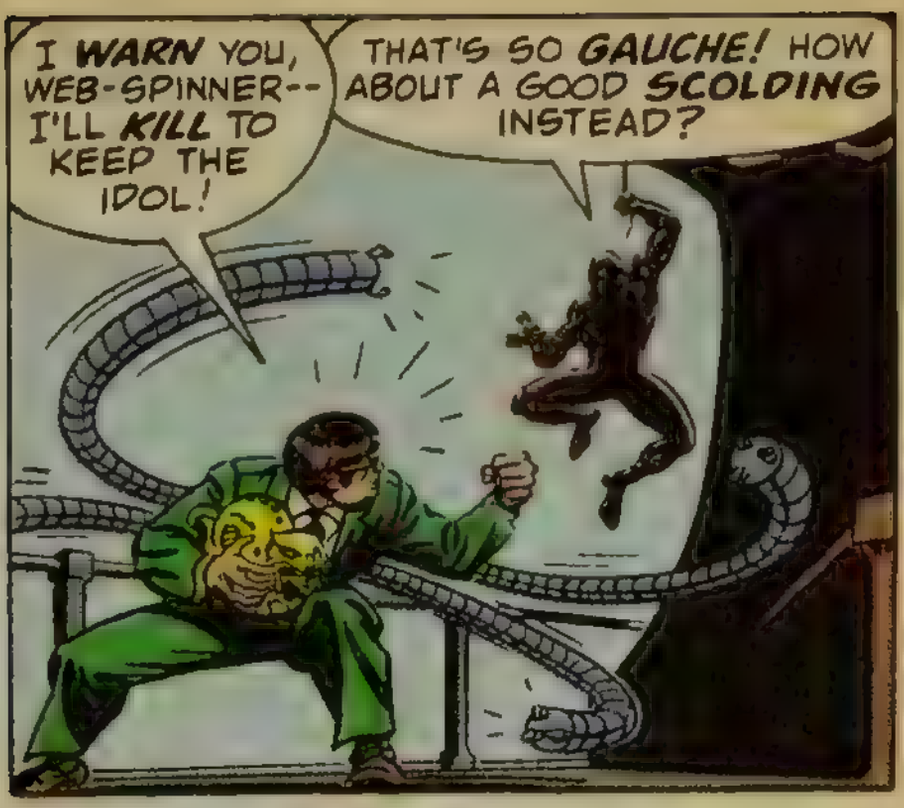

OKAY, PLAYMATE-- NOW IT'S MY TURN!
YOU-- BROKE FREE!
YOU SURE HAVE A FLAIR FOR THE OBVIOUS!

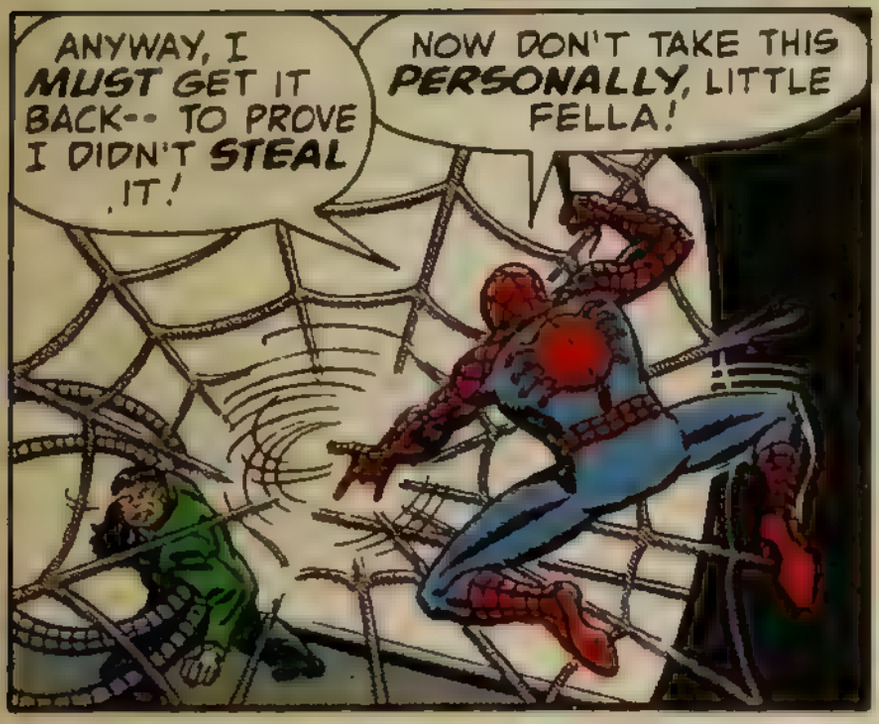
I'M THROUGH TOYING WITH YOU NOW!
HEY, GREAT DIALOGUE! REAL VINTAGE NICKELODEON!

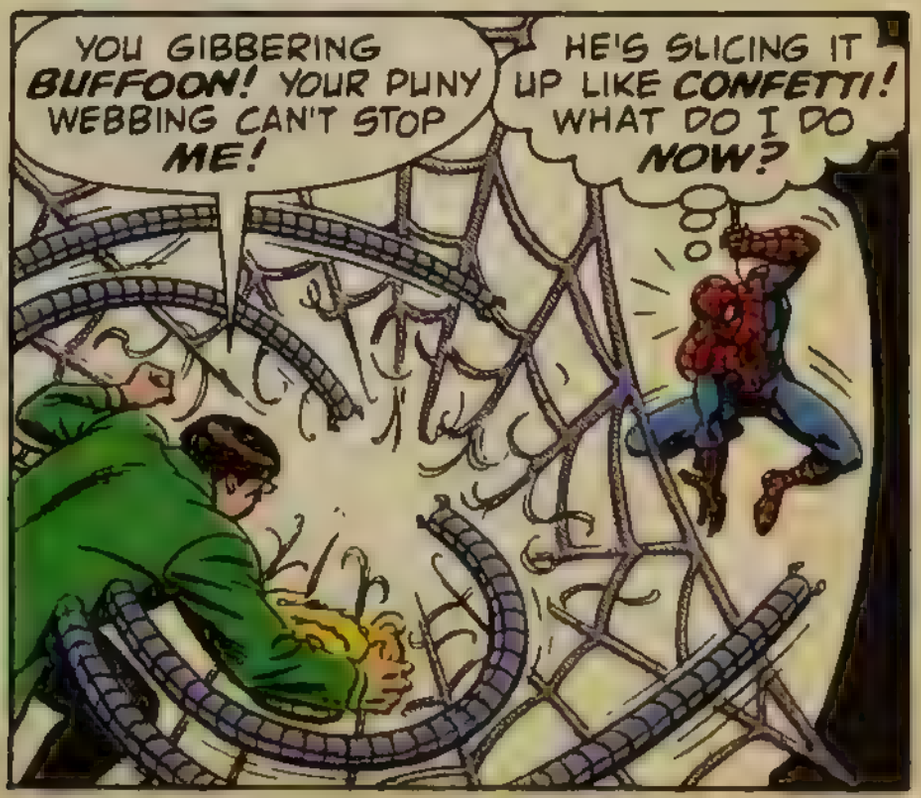
ATTA BOY! LET THE HOSTILITY ALL HANG OUT!
YOU'D BE A CAUTION IN A PLAYPEN!
LAUGH THIS OFF, YOU BUFFOON!

LAUGH? DON'T FLATTER YOURSELF! A MEL BROOKS YOU'RE NOT!
SKLANNGGG!

OKAY, CHUCKLES, YOU HAD YOUR INNINGS!
NOW I'M UP AT BAT!

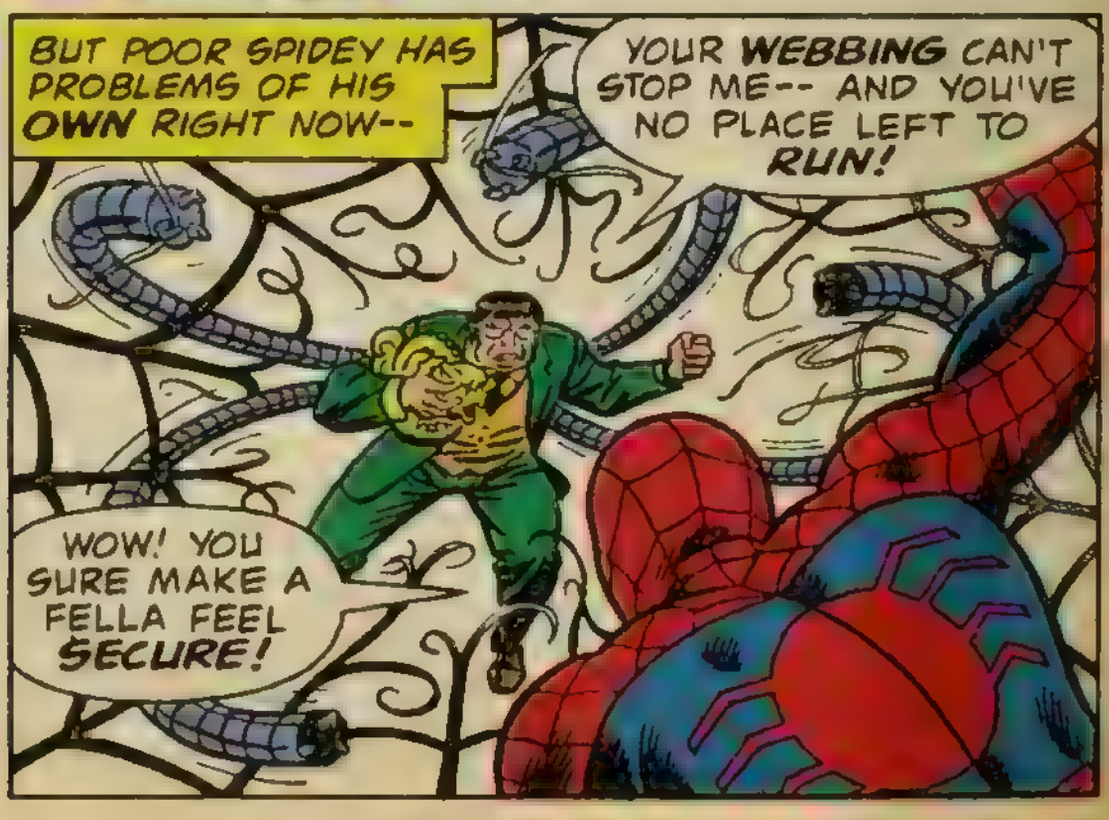

I WARN YOU, WEB-SPINNER-- I'LL KILL TO KEEP THE IDOL!
THAT'S SO GAUCHE! HOW ABOUT A GOOD SCOLDING INSTEAD?

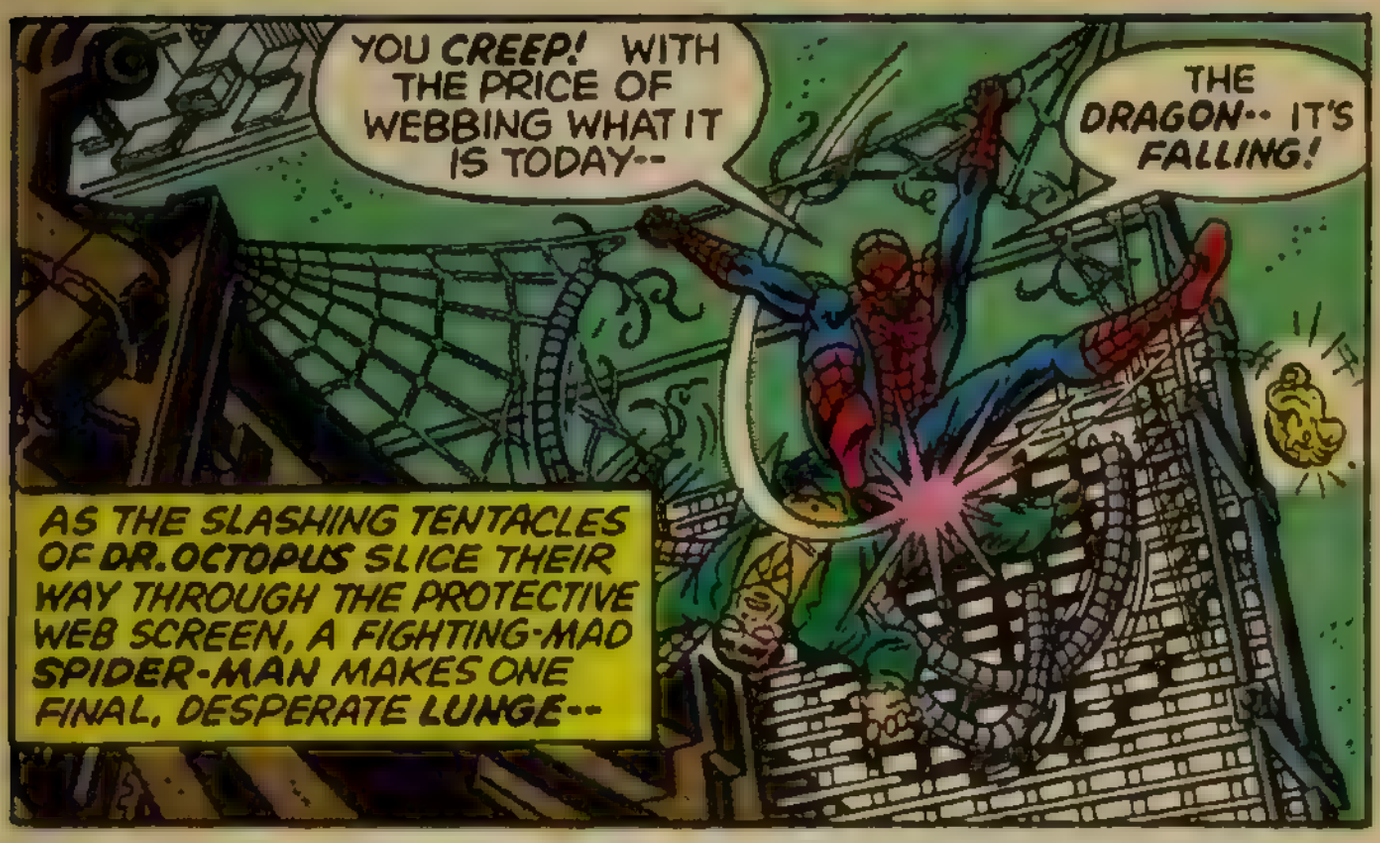

ANYWAY, I MUST GET IT BACK-- TO PROVE I DIDN'T STEAL IT!
NOW DON'T TAKE THIS PERSONALLY, LITTLE FELLA!


YOU GIBBERING BUFFOON! YOUR PUNY WEBBING CAN'T STOP ME!
HE'S SLICING IT UP LIKE CONFETTI! WHAT DO I DO NOW?

AS SPIDER-MAN AND DR. OCTOPUS FIGHT TO THE FINISH ATOP THE QUEENSBORO BRIDGE...
PETER HASN'T BEEN HOME FOR HOURS! NOR HAS DEAR OTTO!

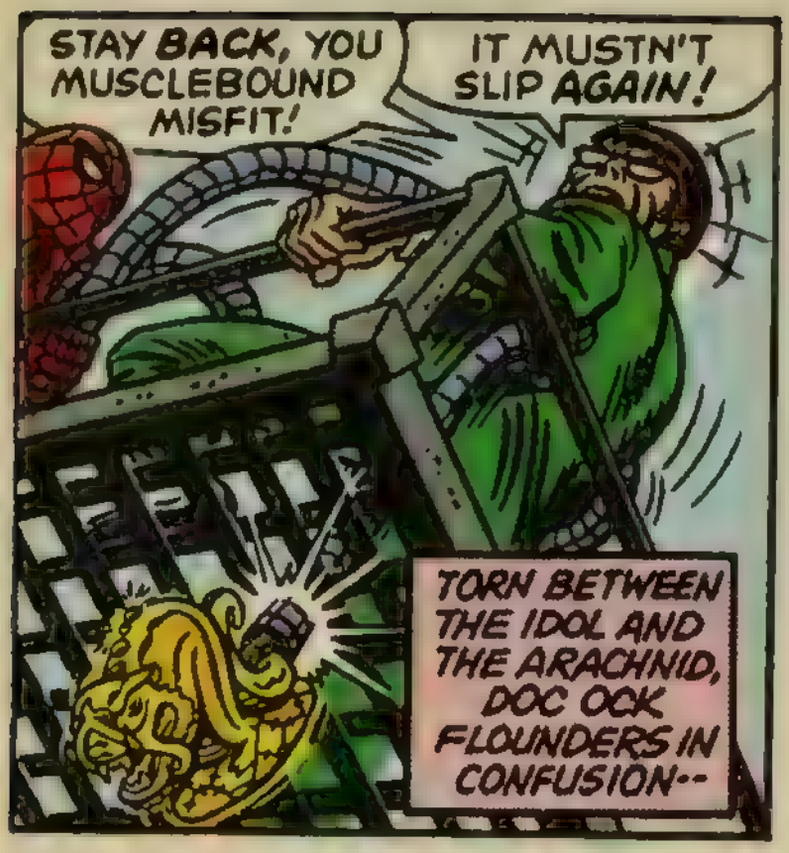
I-- CAN'T HELP WORRYING ABOUT THEM!
NO ONE IS SAFE ON THE STREETS-- WITH THAT HORRIBLE SPIDER-MAN RUNNING LOOSE!

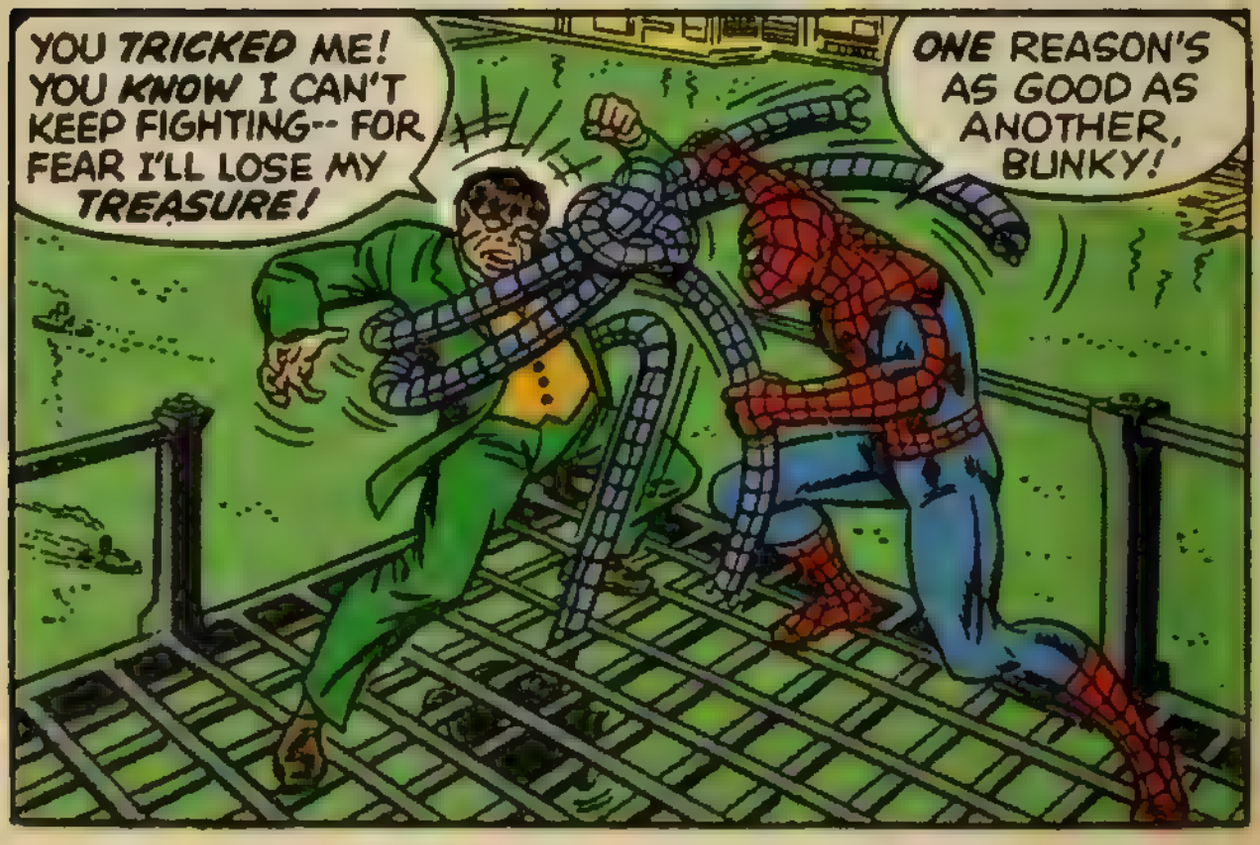

BUT POOR SPIDEY HAS PROBLEMS OF HIS OWN RIGHT NOW--
YOUR WEBBING CAN'T STOP ME-- AND YOU'VE NO PLACE LEFT TO RUN!
WOW! YOU SURE MAKE A FELLA FEEL SECURE!

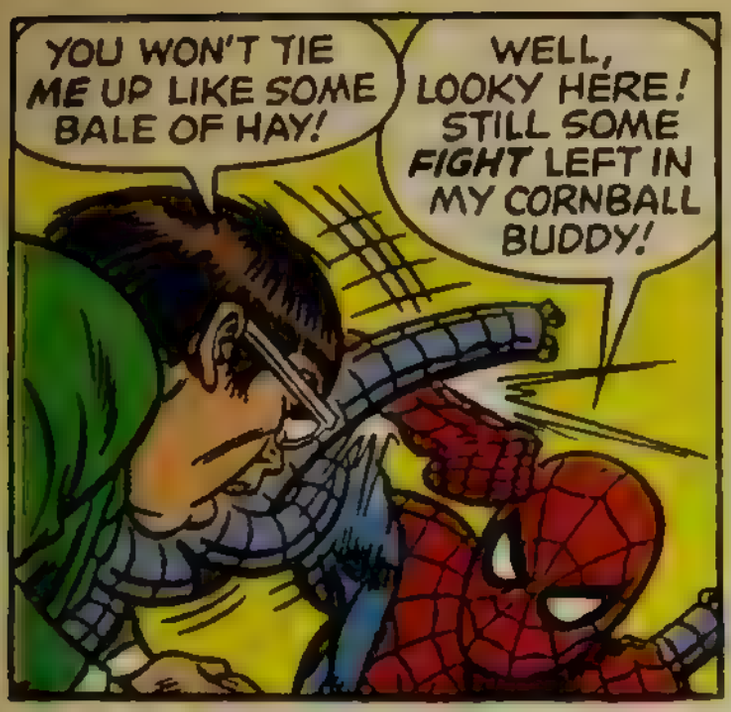

YOU CREEP! WITH THE PRICE OF WEBBING WHAT IT IS TODAY--
THE DRAGON-- IT'S FALLING!
AS THE SLASHING TENTACLES OF DR. OCTOPUS SLICE THEIR WAY THROUGH THE PROTECTIVE WEB SCREEN, A FIGHTING-MAD SPIDER-MAN MAKES ONE FINAL, DESPERATE LUNGE--

BUT, MOVING WITH BLINDING SPEED--
I GOT IT!

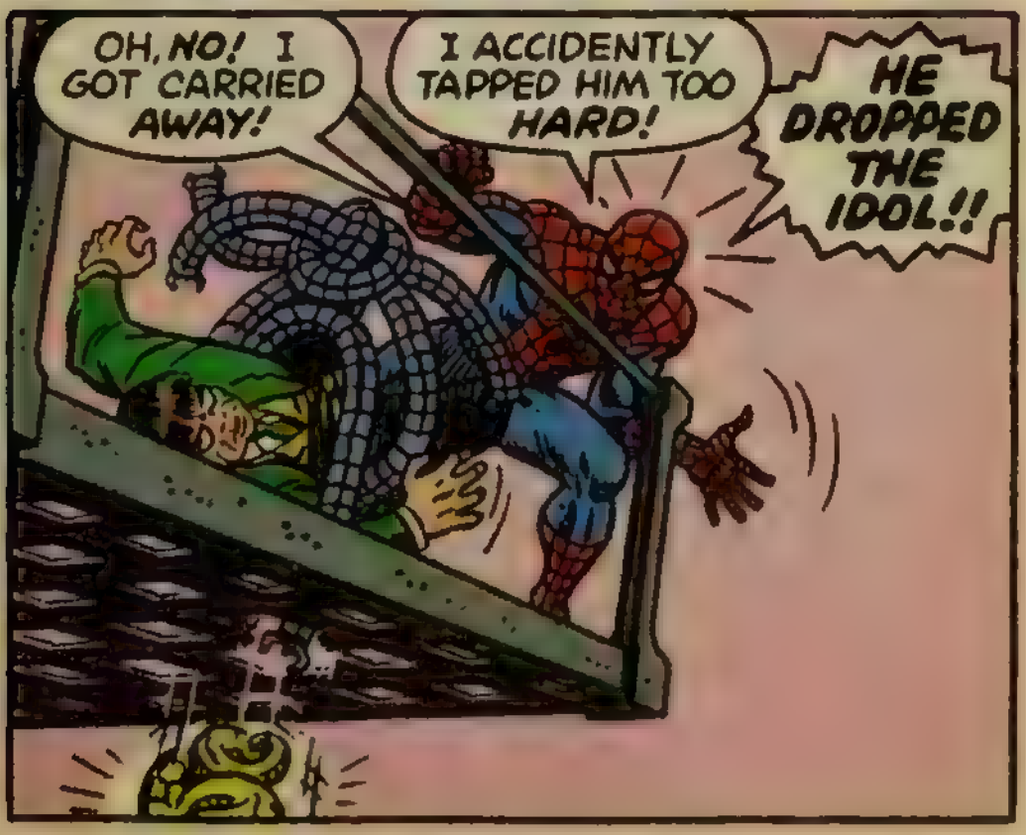
BUT-- IT WON'T FIT THRU THE SLATS!
THOK!

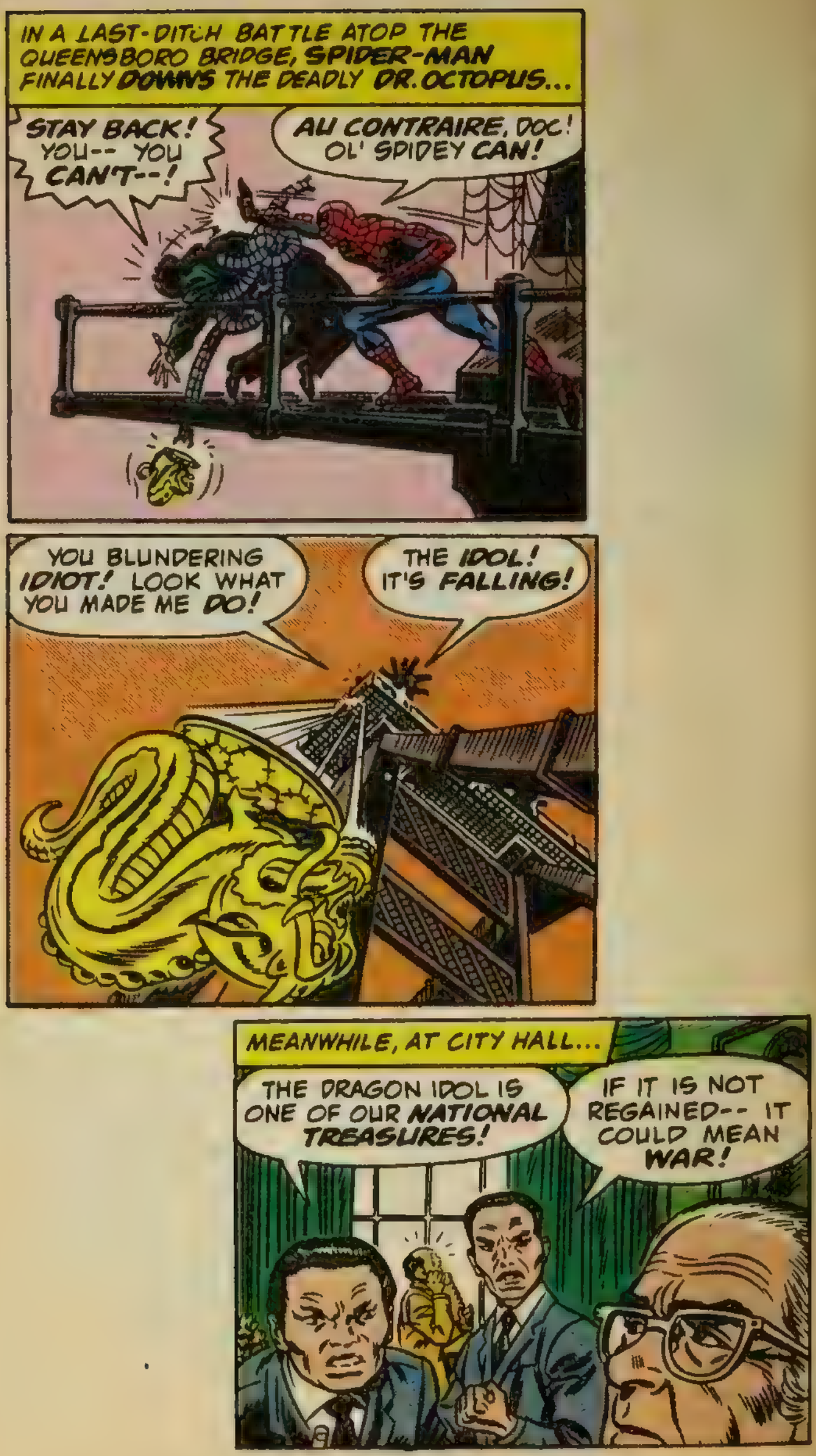

STAY BACK, YOU MUSCLEBOUND MISFIT!
IT MUSTN'T SLIP AGAIN!
TORN BETWEEN THE IDOL AND THE ARACHNID, DOC OCK FLOUNDERS IN CONFUSION--


YOU TRICKED ME! YOU KNOW I CAN'T KEEP FIGHTING-- FOR FEAR I'LL LOSE MY TREASURE!
ONE REASON'S AS GOOD AS ANOTHER, BUNKY!


YOU WON'T TIE ME UP LIKE SOME BALE OF HAY!
WELL, LOOKY HERE! STILL SOME FIGHT LEFT IN MY CORNBALL BUDDY!

BUT NOT FOR LONG!
FLAPP!


OH, NO! I GOT CARRIED AWAY!
I ACCIDENTLY TAPPED HIM TOO HARD!
HE DROPPED THE IDOL!!

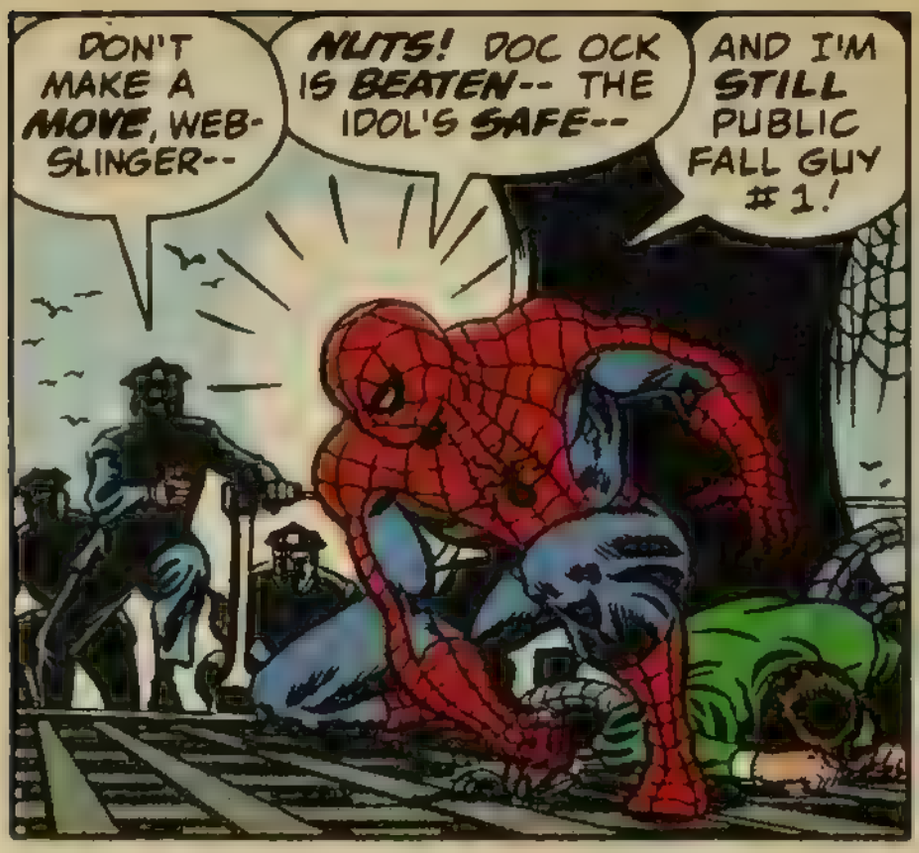

IN A LAST-DITCH BATTLE ATOP THE QUEENSBORO BRIDGE, SPIDER-MAN FINALLY DOWNS THE DEADLY DR. OCTOPUS...
STAY BACK! YOU-- YOU CAN'T--!
AU CONTRAIRE, DOC! OL' SPIDEY CAN!
YOU BLUNDERING IDIOT! LOOK WHAT YOU MADE ME DO!
THE IDOL! IT'S FALLING!
MEANWHILE, AT CITY HALL...
THE DRAGON IDOL IS ONE OF OUR NATIONAL TREASURES!
IF IT IS NOT REGAINED-- IT COULD MEAN WAR!

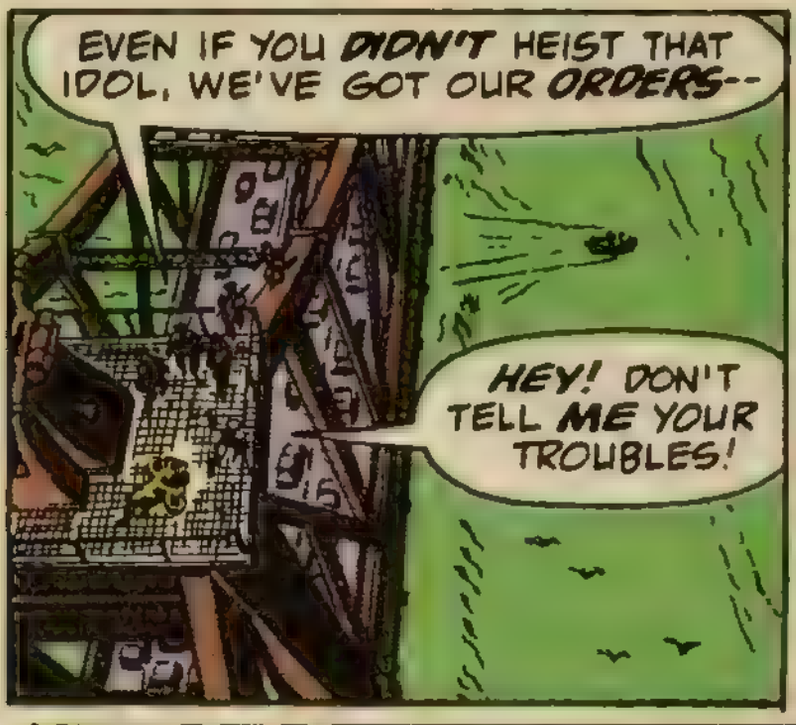
THE IDOL! IF IT HITS THE WATER--
--IT'LL BE LOST FOREVER!

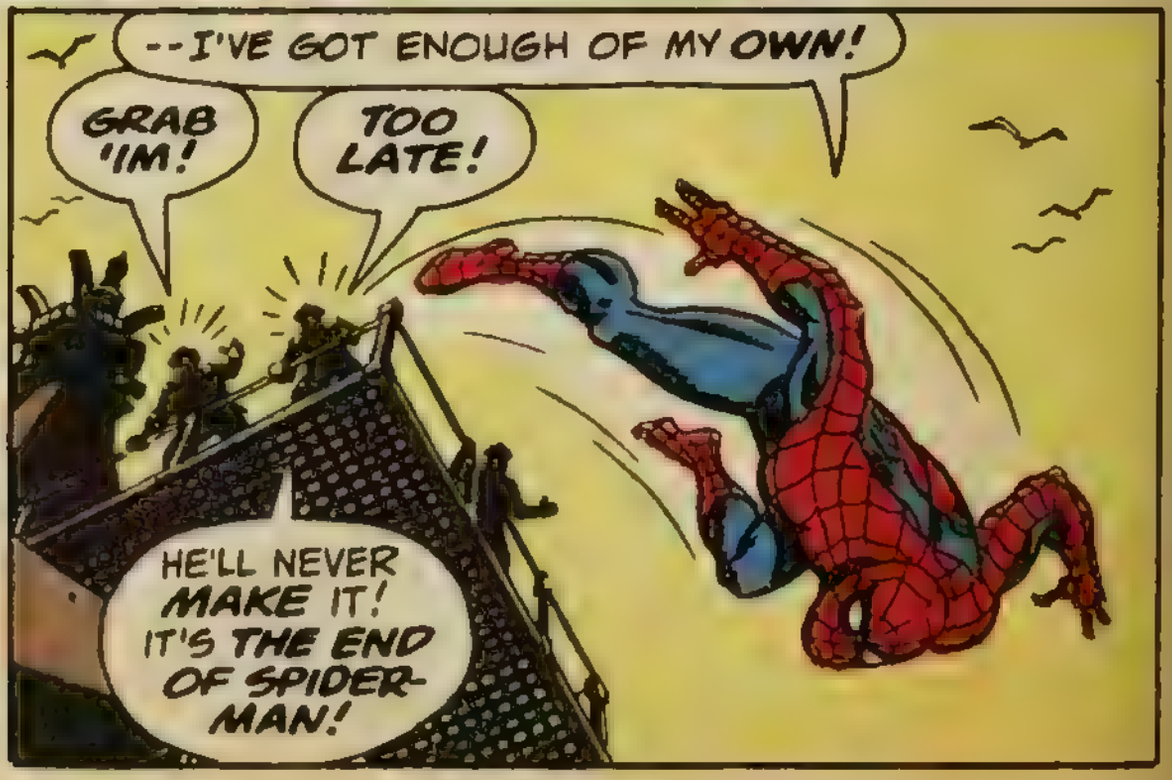
C'MON, LITTLE WEB-SHOOTER! IF I EVER NEEDED YOU--
THWIP!

PTHIKK!

THERE! I'LL ANCHOR IT TO THE GRATING AND--UH OH!
FREEZE, MISTER! WE'VE GOT YOU AT LAST!

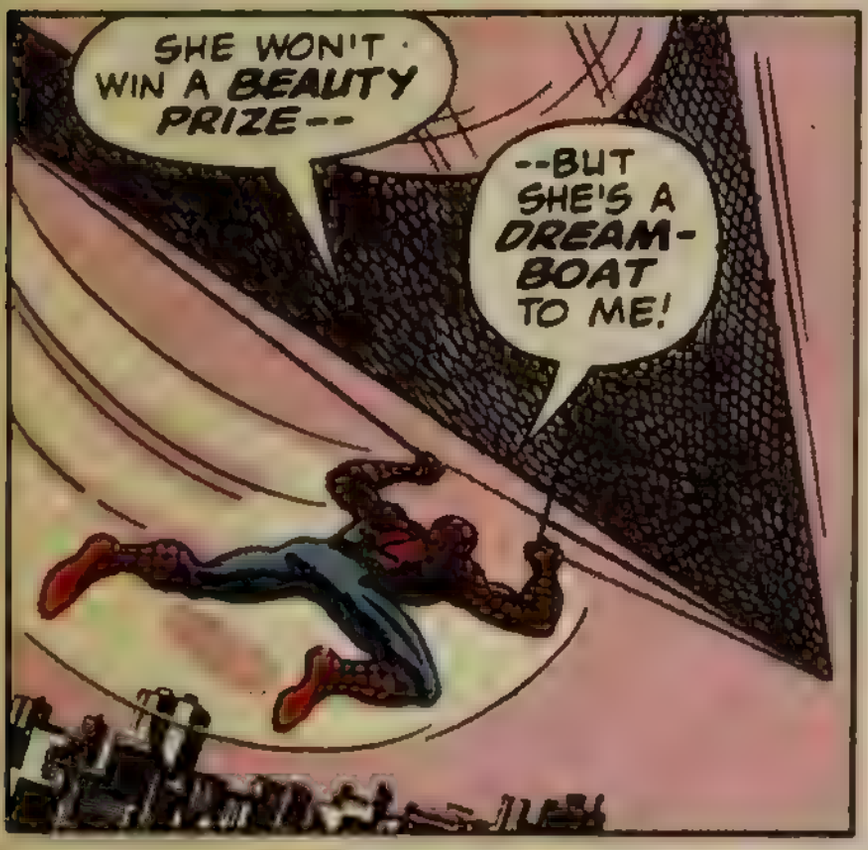

DON'T MAKE A MOVE, WEB-SLINGER--
NUTS! DOC OCK IS BEATEN-- THE IDOL'S SAFE--
AND I'M STILL PUBLIC FALL GUY #1!


EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T HEIST THAT IDOL, WE'VE GOT OUR ORDERS--
HEY! DON'T TELL ME YOUR TROUBLES!


--I'VE GOT ENOUGH OF MY OWN!
GRAB 'IM!
TOO LATE!
HE'LL NEVER MAKE IT! IT'S THE END OF SPIDER-MAN!

COPS ABOVE ME-- INSTANT DEATH BELOW!
TWANG!
OKAY, SPIDEY-- DO YOUR THING!

I ALWAYS WANTED TO WEB MYSELF A HANG GLIDER!


SHE WON'T WIN A BEAUTY PRIZE--
--BUT SHE'S A DREAM-BOAT TO ME!

MEANWHILE, ON A BUSY STREET IN FOREST HILLS--
DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?
WHO-- WHAT IS IT?

CITY HALL, WHERE A GLOBAL CRISIS HAS BEEN NARROWLY AVERTED...
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC ACCEPTS THE RETURN OF OUR DRAGON IDOL!
THEN THE INCIDENT IS CLOSED!

AS FOR THE WOEBEGONE WEB-SWINGER WHO RESCUED THE IDOL...
MADE IT!
ONE JUMP AHEAD OF THE COPS!

BETTER CHANGE THREADS FAST-- BEFORE THEY FIND ME!

WHILE, A FEW BLOCKS AWAY...
DID YOU SEE HIM? DID YOU SEE-- THAT FACE?!!

BOY, I'M SOME KINDA YO-YO! I CAPTURE DOC OCTOPUS, GLOM ONTO THE DRAGON IDOL FOR THE MUSEUM--
--AND STILL GET HUNTED 'N HOUNDED BY EVERY COP IN TOWN!

WELL, AT LEAST SPIDER-MAN CAN BE MOTHBALLED FOR A WHILE--
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO HAPPEN!

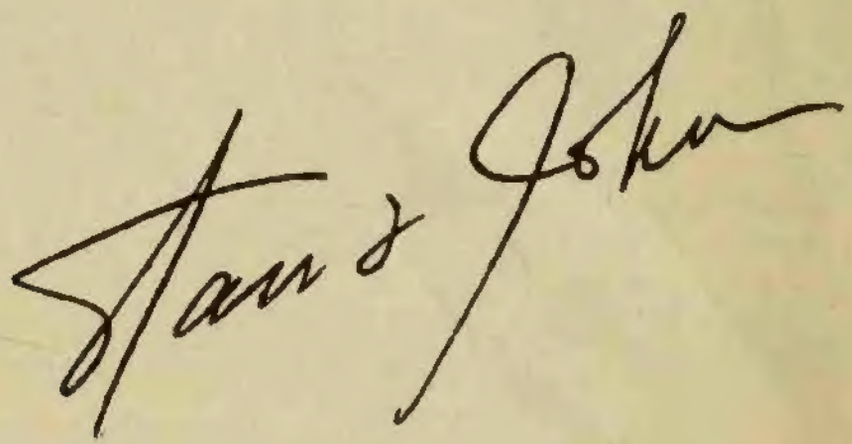
POOR SPIDEY! HIS PREDICTIONS ARE AS BAD AS HIS LUCK....
STARE, YOU FOOLS! SOON YOU WILL LEARN THE SECRET OF-- THE RATTLER!

As you've guessed, we've just plain run out of pages!

But don't despair, O dauntless one! As surely as night doth follow day, as surely as webs were made to swing on, volume two of "The Amazing Spider-Man" will soon be on sale, featuring "The Secret of The Rattler", plus many other senses-staggering surprises.

So, save your shekels, Spidey fan, as there shall be sequels galore for you to gather and treasure. Now that we've found you, we're not about to let you go!

Till next time then, keep thy webs untangled!



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